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Nearly $4 million has been set aside this year for the cleanup of three areas contaminated with leftover military chemicals or activities during and right after World War II on Saipan, the highest annual funding of its kind for the CNMI in recent period.

Saying that the $4 million is "a big step," Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) announced that the total funding includes $2.645 million in unexploded ordnance assessment and removal in Marpi, which has been eyed for com-

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# Kilili: US Labor secretary won't wait until 11th hour

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U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez has reportedly assured Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) that "he would not wait until the 11th hour to release his decision on extending the transition period," according to Sablan.

"I have to take the secretary at his word; and, obviously, the July deadline is not far away," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Perez has only until July 4 to decide whether to extend or not the Commonwealth-only worker

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# Crisostomo's jury trial starts today

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» Prosecution, defense list 170 'likely witnesses'
» Video, cameras not allowed at trial

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A Superior Court jury trial will begin today in the case against Joseph A. Crisostomo, a habitual offender who is accused of kidnapping and killing bartender Emerita Romero in February 2012.

The courtroom of Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is expected to be jam-

Crisostomo

packed as court marshals and police served summons to 156 out of 750 prospective jurors.

The prosecution listed 75 "likely witnesses" while the defense listed 95

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**TOURISM GROWTH**

A family of tourists walks past a brightly-painted bus stop shelter on their way to the Garapan Thursday Market at Garapan Fishing Base yesterday afternoon. In February alone, visitors arrivals to the CNMI went up by 8 percent compared to the same month last year and the steady growth in tourism numbers has been a major factor in Gov. Eloy S. Inos' proposed budget of $134.33 million for fiscal year 2015, an increase of some $8.9 million from only $123.4 million in fiscal year 2014.

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Local

# Oleai Elementary tops Academic Challenge Bowl

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The Oleai Elementary School champions pose for a photo flanked by their teacher coaches during the awarding rites at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe.

Five students from Oleai Elementary School went home last Saturday with the championship trophy and gold medals after garnering first place at the annual Academic Challenge Bowl for elementary schools held at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Oleai Elementary bested 15 other schools including Grace Christian Academy and William S. Reyes Elementary, which won second and third place, respectively.

The winning fifth and sixth grade OES students are A.J. Samonte, Kennedy Vila, Raiza Salazar, Timothy Acosta, Victoria Dela Cruz, and Jhanylin Cruz. Their teacher coaches are Carla Sablan, Jeri May Tudela, and Shawn San Nicolas

Teacher coach Tudela told *Saipan Tribune* that the "kids worked hard and sacrificed a lot of their after-school free time. They did it!"

Fifth-grade student Jhanylin Cruz said the final round "was my favorite part." Cruz is happy that all of her studying paid off and was nervous when her team made it to the finals.

A proud father at the event said he was excited and grateful for the team's win. "We stayed up at night preparing for this competition almost every day."

School principal Jacelyn Parico expressed similar sentiments. "I am very proud of them. A lot of hard work came into it along with determination. Having them join competitions like this truly achieves academic success."

The Oleia team of elementary school students scored a total of 305 points.

Other participating schools include: Agape Christian School, Northern Marianas International School, Saipan International School, Rota's Sinapalo Elementary School, Green Meadow School, Tanapag Elementary School, Tinian Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, Dandan Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, and Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

The competition featured over 100 questions dealing with math, science, computer, art, English, social studies, current events, and physical education subjects.

The Marianas High School chapter of the National Honor Society hosted the annual Academic Challenge Bowl for the primary grade level division.

MHS NHS president Jonavelle Cuerdo said that coordinating and managing the academic tilt was "quite challenging" but cherished the reaction of students after correctly answering difficult questions. This, she said, truly embodies the purpose of the competition.

Cuerdo congratulated all of this year's participants and expressed gratitude to the parents who assisted. This year's prizes where made possible courtesy of Best-seller, National Office Supply, Modern Office Supply, and Subway Scoops.

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Grace Christian Academy winners pose with their certificates and medals.

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William S. Reyes Elementary School winners pose with their certificates and medals.

## Tourism Topics

**A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority**

*Tourism is everybody's business.*

### April is for Athletes in the Northern Mariana Islands!

What can you do to help welcome all athletes enthusiastically for these annual signature events of the Marianas Visitors Authority?

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- Leash your dogs. Give a cheer for these visitors on consecutive Saturdays this month!

**13th Annual XTERRA Saipan Championship**
*April 5, 2014*
Congratulations to winners of the 13th Annual XTERRA Saipan Championship, a qualifier for the World Championships on Maui in October! The race included a shorter XTERRA SPORT race triathlon and a relay for both events.

**25th Annual Tagaman Triathlon**
*April 12, 2014*
The annual Tagaman Triathlon celebrates its 25th running this year. The grueling course as named for the legendary Chamorro Chief Taga, who was renowned for his extraordinary strength. As with XTERRA, this race will start and end at American Memorial Park.

**9th Annual Saipan Marathon**
*April 19, 2014*
This year's Saipan Marathon will again feature full marathon, half marathon, 10K, and 50K courses. Start time is 4:30 a.m. at American Memorial Park for the marathon and 50K, 5:45 a.m. for the half marathon, and 6 a.m. for the 10K.

Saipan Tinian Rota

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# MHS lauds music groups' success at Tumon Bay Music Fest

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Marianas High School's Glee Club in an adjudicated performance of The Ballad of Sweeney Todd at St. John's Episcopal Church in Guam.

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Marianas High School on Friday lauded the success of all three of its music groups that took home a total of 17 awards from the 2014 Tumon Bay Music Festival held recently in Guam.

Aside from the 17 awards, MHS' Pep Band, Chorale, and Glee Club Rhythm 'N Harmony also won two judges' choice award invitations to perform at the festival's command performances and awards rites.

The Pep Band, under the direction of David Frahm, earned a gold medal in the "Jazz, Rock and Beyond" category, and the Judges' Choice Award that allowed them to perform at the festival's closing night's invitation-only concert. This was the group's first visit to the festival. The group performed in the Governor Joseph Flores Ypao Beach Amphitheater in Tumon to an enthusiastic crowd on March 9.

Pep Band members are Angela De Leon Aninon (keyboards), Jullianne Faye Cristino Bigueras (drums), Jullian Martin Pangelinan Briosos (trumpet), Marcy Ann Acosta Ermitanio (percussion), Lester Boy R. Garcia (guitar), Diane Abrece Lopera (alto saxophone), Linson Bill R. Manahan (bass guitar), Bohyun Mun (tenor saxophone), and Richard Pei Quan (trumpet).

The MHS Chorale, under the direction of Ruthie Fruit, was represented by a nonet (nine singers) who, as a group, garnered a gold medal for their performance in the "Ensemble" category last March 8. Other gold medal winners include soloists Krisna Balalong (MHS Chorale president), Paula Gozon, John Huevos, Ann Margaret Norcio, and Joselle Reyes; silver medals were earned in duet performances by Julia Espino/John Huevos and Paula Gozon/Joselle Reyes.

Additional silver medals were won by soloists Jayrald Mercene, Rodileen Morales, and Adjii Vierness. Julia Espino brought back a bronze medal in solo singing. The members of the MHS Chorale were all first-timers.

The MHS Chorale can be heard regularly as part of the group's 4-year-old community service commitment to bring chorale music to the island through free monthly concerts.

The two-time Tumon Bay Music Festival Sweepstakes Award-winning MHS Glee Club Rhythm 'N Harmony, under the direction of Paul Dujua, also earned a gold medal for their performance and a Judges' Choice Award that allowed them to perform at the festival's closing night's invitation-only concert.

The group was the top point earner in the "High School Chorus" category. Ramon Rudnytsky graciously stepped in to accompany them in their Mozart Requiem piece *Dies Irae* in the festival's closing night concert. Seven of the Club members also performed in the "Ensemble" category.

A quintet called "Plus Five"—composed of Simei Jr. Charfauros, Lemuel Joshua G. Bunao, Darren John Cajipo, Noel Jimenez, and Paul Dujua—earned gold as did the duet team of Lady Dominique Canape/Noel Jimenez. In addition the group was requested to perform at the Church of the Son to an enthusiastic reception.

During their stay, the MHS Glee Club visited the choral groups at St. John School and Simon Sanchez High School, exchanging ideas and music. Glee Club members also performed at the Mack Brandon Project, a Gospel Music Choral event that was part of the festival's closing night concert. Darren Cajipo, Lady Dominique Canape, Annabel Phiskoon Manzo, and MHS Fine Arts director Harold Easton were chosen as soloists for this event.

Other members of the MHS Glee Club that performed at the Tumon Festival were Anne Marie Tupaz Cruz, Diane Villasan Hermogenes, John Nickole Garcia Huevos, Noel Reguine Jimenez Jr., Emily Lisa Jones, Jennella Nelmida, William Rey M. Percil, Lara Samantha Cruz Santiago, and Shaina Lyra Cruz Santiago. The club was further assisted in its Tumon Bay Music Festival visit by Florilyn T. Jones.

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# E Land's MRI accepts offer to extend COP land lease

E Land's Micronesia Resort Inc. told the Department of Public Lands that it is interested in extending its Coral Ocean Point land lease for "an additional 25 to 40 years, subject to legal and legislative consideration."

This is in response to DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio's March 17 letter encouraging MRI to start exploring the possibility of extending its present COP land lease for an additional 25 years.

The current lease is not expiring until 2026, however.

Tae Ho Kim, general manager of Coral Ocean Point/Suwaso Corp., responded to Tenorio's letter on March 26.

"We look forward to meeting and discussing with you future outlooks and different potentials in the improvements of our existing hotel facilities," Kim told Tenorio in a one-page letter, copies of which were also sent to the Legislature last week.

Other hotels with only a few years left on their public land leases have already been considering lease extensions. Those include Mariana Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Kanoa Resort.

Suwaso Corp.'s majority owner is the South Korean-based giant E Land, through Micronesian Resort Inc.

Tenorio's letter also acknowledges Suwaso's update on future improvements specified in the amended lease extension agreement of Dec. 12, 2011, along with renovation projects that Suwaso and DPL agreed to be pursued "in the interim period prior to your major improvements under the lease."

COP is undergoing a $4-million renovation, and is also looking at bringing a global hotel brand for its facility. This comes shortly after E Land also announced that another of its hotel on Saipan, the former The Palms Resort in San Roque, will reopen under the global hotel brand Sheraton. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

# Dad sues 2 firms over drowning of daughter

The father of a female Chinese tourist who drowned in the waters off Managaha in 2012 has filed a wrongful death lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the NMI against two tour companies.

Wang Xiao Ting, 65, as personal representative of his daughter, Dao Wang Dao, is suing Tasi Tours & Transportation Inc. and Man Bao Corp., which owns Win Tour.

Ting, through counsel William M. Fitzgerald, is demanding an undetermined amount of damages.

*Saipan Tribune* tried but failed to obtain comment from Tasi Tours and Win Tour.

According to Fitzgerald in the complaint, Win Tour failed to ascertain Dao's ability to safely use a snorkel; failed to confirm that Dao was capable of snorkeling safely; and failed to instruct Dao on the proper and safe use of a snorkel.

Fitzgerald said Tasi Tours, which has had exclusive management and control of Managaha Island since 1989, provides life-guarding service to less than 1 percent of the beach area; failed to provide life-guarding services to the most popular and best area for snorkeling; failed to prepare and implement an effective action plan to deal with rescue and resuscitate drowning victims; and failed to use the Red Cross donated defibrillator and supplemental oxygen system.

Fitzgerald said that in the early part of 2012, Dao, 33, and her friend decided to visit Saipan and purchased a package tour. Shortly after arriving, the two decided to purchase the snorkeling tour to Managaha from Win Tour. The two women went to Managaha on April 16, 2012.

The two friends had never snorkeled before and were unaware of how to safely snorkel.

Dao and three other Win customers went into the water at the place where they were told it was safe to snorkel. Three of the four went into chest-deep water while Dao stayed in the shallower water.

While Dao was snorkeling, water entered her snorkel and flowed into her mouth. Unaware of the procedure to expel the water, Dao swallowed it, Fitzgerald said.

The other three, after snorkeling for only five minutes, decided to return to shore and saw Dao face down in the water, almost on the shore. The group immediately turned Dao over and called for help.

Fitzgerald said lifeguards responded and performed CPR, but did not use a defibrillator or a supplemental oxygen delivery system, even though they were available. The lawyer said the use of such devices would have revived Dao.

After a period of time, a boat was brought and Dao was taken to Smiling Cove dock where she was placed in an ambulance and transported to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Fitzgerald said Dao was pronounced dead at CHC at 2:56pm that same day. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## TRIAL

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"likely witnesses."

*Saipan Tribune* learned that attorney Janet H. King, court-appointed counsel for Crisostomo, filed a total of 44 pre-trial individual motions to weaken the government's case.

The Office of the Attorney General, on its part, filed four substantive motions. Other motions simply asked to move some dates.

Interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty and assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy will prosecute the case.

King will appear in court on her own as Crisostomo has asked that King's two co-counsels from Guam—Jeffrey Moots and F. Randall Cunliffe—be allowed to not be physically present at trial.

King is the only lawyer in the CNMI who agreed to represent Crisostomo in the case. All other lawyers are conflicted primarily because of Crisostomo's long criminal history and for other reasons.

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman on Friday denied KSPN 2's request to allow video and camera in the courtroom at trial. Wiseman cited a standing rule that prohibits any live video or cameras. The judge, however, stated that he will raise the issue at a Judicial Council meeting for consideration.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that it takes more than three months to change the rules, assuming the council even want to change it.

The OAG charged the 40-year-old Crisostomo with first-degree murder, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, robbery, theft, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Romero reportedly rode in a car that she mistook for a taxicab near her house in Garapan on Feb. 5, 2012. Two days later, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her body at the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis.

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mercial and homestead development for several years now.

This also comes two years after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District completed excavation of some 3,337 cubic yards of soil on Capital Hill's I-Denni or Edoni that's contaminated with leftover chemicals from World War II, including polychlorinated biphenyls and lead, which cause cancer. That cleanup cost over $3 million.

"Four million dollars makes this a very good year," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, considering that the CNMI got only $500,000 in fiscal year 2013 and $900,000 in fiscal 2012.

The money is available now for the cleanup of formerly used defense sites or FUDS, he added.

FUDS cleanups are done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. U.S. Congress appropriates the funds through the U.S. Department of Defense.

The CNMI gets a total of $3.978 million for the FUDS cleanup this year.

Of this amount, $2.645 million will be used for the Marpi Point Field. Sablan said a study will "determine the extent and types of unexploded ordnances in the area that the CNMI Department of Public Lands wants to use for homesteads."

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio separately said yesterday that the funding will be used by the Army Corps to do a "removal and disposal of unexploded ordnance to clear the area as part of its effort to clear Saipan of World War II wasted."

"But it's not for homesteading purposes," Tenorio added.

In 2010, over 12,000 pieces of unexploded war ordnance were removed from a scenic Marpi area where DPL's controversial homestead project at the time was supposed to be built.

The cleanup of the 624,000 square meters of Marpi public land at the time and its end use plan were a contentious subject between private citizens and DPL since 2009 because of a lack of public hearing prior to the actual land clearing, its negative impact on a tourist site, and the lack of a major siting permit, among other issues.

Marpi has long been eyed as a future site for a homestead subdivision for at least 500 families. It has also been eyed for commercial development including the construction of new hotels.

The U.S. military used Marpi immediately after the capture of Saipan during World War II. It was used to store thousands of tons of ordnance for the impending invasion of the Japanese mainland.

### Hospital dumpsite, Tanapag fuel farm

Of the nearly $4 million that the CNMI will get for FUDS cleanup this year, $985,000 will be used to clean up a former hospital dumpsite located at the Kingfisher Golf Course. A study will determine the extent of contamination and whether there is any risk to human health, Sablan said.

Sablan said the remaining $348,000 includes the removal of 17 above-ground fuel storage tanks in Tanapag, and then a study of any remaining contamination in the village.

The Tanapag Fuel Farm, built in the mid- to late-1940s, was used by the U.S. Navy to provide fuel for ships and aircraft during World War II and through the 1950s, after which the tanks were abandoned.

Historical information suggests there were up to 42 tanks that held different types of gas and oil. An Army Corps survey conducted in 1998 revealed that 25 tanks were still visible on the ground. Six were removed in 2006, the CNMI government said earlier.

At one point, the CNMI had about two dozen sites on the FUDS list.

"At least 11 have been cleared, and the Army Corps is working through the rest, fixing the most dangerous ones first," Sablan said.

Because sites are selected this way, Sablan does not have any particular say in which sites get worked on.

"What I can do is push for as much money as possible to be appropriated for the entire FUDS program as I have done again this year in programmatic requests. The more money the Army Corps has, the faster it can clean up sites in the Northern Marianas and throughout our country," Sablan said.

The remaining FUDS in the CNMI that require remediation include the Koblerville Naval Supply Center, Naftan bom storage, Naftan ordnance disposal, North Field, and ordnance plan.

To date, the costliest FUDS cleanup in the CNMI was a $20 million PCB contamination cleanup in Tanapag completed in 2003, involving 40,000 tons of PCB-contaminated soil. The Army Corps treated the contaminated soil in Tanapag onsite and shipped the treated soil to the U.S. mainland.

Saipan was the site of heavy fighting between U.S. and Japanese forces during World War II. To this day, live ordnance and chemicals from the war are still being discovered in several areas of the island.

## LABOR

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program that allows the CNMI to have continued access to some 10,000 skilled and professional foreign workers.

The delegate said he remains "optimistic" that the U.S. Labor secretary will extend the transition period, but he does not know for how long.

"It could be the full five years or some shorter period of time," he said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Sablan, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, among others, asked U.S. Labor to extend the transition period by five years or up to 2019 because of the current lack of available and qualified U.S. workers to replace some 10,000 foreign workers. At the same time, the CNMI has been training and placing more U.S. workers in available jobs.

During a recent congressional hearing, Sablan asked Perez to make a decision "soon" on the CW program extension request.

Sablan's bluntest public statement so far states that the U.S. Department of Labor "has been unable, or unwilling to make a decision" for "14 months."

While foreign workers with CW permits could remain beyond 2014 once Perez extends the program, E2C investors in the CNMI may have tougher times ahead as their allowed stay in the CNMI is also only until Dec. 31, 2014, unless Sablan's pending legislation in Congress passes.

E2C investors have been demanding for improved immigration status so they won't be forced to depart the CNMI. They are those who were allowed to remain in the CNMI under E2C status even with a minimum investment of $50,000 instead of $150,000, but that would only be allowed until the end of this year.

After 2014, these investors will be required to obtain another U.S. immigrant or nonimmigrant visa classification.

"The most recent information we have from USCIS [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] is that there were 261 E2 or E2C investors as of Jan. 6, 2014. USCIS could not break out the E2Cs alone. And there were 130 dependents of these E2 or E2C investors," Sablan said.

The delegate said his office continues to work on "legislative alternatives."

For example, S. 1237, which would extend the transition period not only for CW workers but also for E2C permit holders, was ordered to be reported by the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in December.

Sablan recently introduced a standalone bill, H.R. 4296, to extend the transition period by five years or up to 2019. He said he is working to get a hearing this month. The bill has been referred to the U.S. House Committees on Natural Resources and Judiciary.

This is the same language contained in Sablan's Omnibus Territories Act or HR 2200 and its Senate companion, S. 1237. Sablan said both bills are moving slowly because they contain other changes to territorial law, some of which are controversial. To improve the chances of enacting the transition extension with a standalone bill, he introduced H.R. 4296.

A lack of a decision on the CW program and action on bills to extend the E2C investor program continue to bring uncertainty in the CNMI economy. Employers are holding off expansion plans, would-be investors are on a wait-and-see mode, and foreign workers remain uncertain whether they would still have a job after 2014.

This comes at a time when new hotels, a Saipan casino, and other facilities will be built to meet the tourism industry's growing demand.

# GOP names more candidates for Precincts 3,5

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Republican Party president James Ada announced two additional candidates for the House of Representatives last week: one for Precinct 3 and one for Precinct 5.

Ada said that zoning planner Maryann Lizama will be a candidate for Precinct 3, bringing to four the total number of GOP candidates for House Precinct 3, which has six available slots.

The other three GOP candidates previously endorsed were incumbent Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), former representative Stanley Torres, and Vicente Camacho, current director of the Veterans' Affairs Office.

The Republican Party also named Ray Basa Lizama, active in CNMI sports, as their second Precinct 5 candidate, in addition to incumbent Rep. Antonio "Ton Pai" Agulto (Ind-Saipan).

Ivan Blanco, chairman of the GOP Central Committee's public relations team, said yesterday that the Republican Party "still wants to coalesce" with so-called Independent Republicans "as verbally agreed." This is the reason why GOP has not filled all the slots in some precincts.

The GOP's gubernatorial team for the November elections is Gov. Eloy S. Inos for governor and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) as lieutenant governor. They are facing at least three other tandems, including former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) as independents, former Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward "Tofila" M. Deleon Guerrero and former representative Daniel "Danny" O. Quitugua of the Democratic Party; and former governor Juan N. Babauta and former senator Juan Sablan Torres, also Republicans whose request for a primary was shot down, but they have yet to decide whether they would still run.

# Transition begins for schools' consolidation this September

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Public schools are in the midst of preparing for mergers to ensure a smooth transition next school year when several elementary schools will be expanding kindergarten and their sixth grades transferred to new middle schools on Saipan.

One of the affected schools is Koblerville Elementary where early enrollment will be used to gauge the volume of students it may accommodate beginning school year 2014-2015.

Koblerville Elementary School principal Rizalina Purugganan announced an early enrollment from April 1 to 30 for kindergarten to fifth graders.

"We are trying to prepare for the transition for next school year and we need to determine student enrollment number from San Antonio, As Gonno, Koblerville, and Tottotville," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

School year 2015 kicks off Phase 2 of the Middle School Concept approved by the Board of Education last year. In this phase, mergers will be seen at Gregorio T. Camacho and Tanapag elementary school, which will become a new middle school. GTC will be home to K-5th grade while Tanapag Middle School will accommodate 6th-8th graders.

Koblerville and San Antonio elementary schools will also be consolidated, where KES will be home to K-5th grade, while San Antonio Elementary School will become the San Antonio Middle School.

According to KES vice principal Jeremiah Benavente, the existing 5th grade and 6th grade students of Koblerville Elementary School will be given the San Antonio Middle School enrollment packet including the registration and other requirement needed for enrollment.

He said Koblerville Elementary School will collect the packet at the end of April and deliver the enrollment packet to San Antonio.

"The same with the SAES K-4th grade students, they will receive enrollment packet from Koblerville Elementary School, then we will pick up the packet from SAES at the end of April," said Benavente, adding that parents may also directly enroll students at each respective school.

When asked what other preparations are ongoing at Koblerville Elementary, Benavente cited the need to address collateral equipment.

"We are in the process of preparing the collateral equipment needed for the transition. On Thursday, FNS [Food and Nutrition Services] will deliver 12 new cafeteria tables to Koblerville Elementary School," he said.

Benavente said the school also conducted a transition meeting with Head Start parents last April 3, to inform parents about the open enrollment for kindergarten and to showcase what the school has to offer for their children.

He said kindergarten will be a full-day session (8am to 2:30pm) with 25 students in each classroom. They will have 50 slots available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will not accept registrations with incomplete documents.

"We are conducting the early enrollment to identify the number of classes we have to offer in first to fifth. Our tentative number of classes will be two kinder, five first grade, five second grade, five third grade, four fourth grade, and four fifth grade," he said.

Since KES is K-6th grade school in previous years, Benavente said there is not going to be much adjustment for the students. The school, however, will have a bigger population next year, with the addition of about 200 more students.

"We will be needing more personnel to work with the students and at the school. Busing services will also be available, which is new to the students and to the school," he added.

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# CUC underpayment at $7.3 million in just 3 months

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. incurred a $7.3 million underpayment in the first three months of the fiscal year, October to December 2013.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher and chief financial officer Charles Warren told the newly installed board of directors on Thursday that this huge underpayment was primarily due to the inability of its largest customers—including the central government—to pay their bills on time.

Records obtained from CUC showed that for the first three months of fiscal year 2013, CUC billed its customers a total of $79.193 million, of which only $71.820 million was actually collected.

Warren revealed that a large share of this underpayment is from the central government, the Public School System, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

**» CNMI, CHC, PSS aging receivables now $22M**

He disclosed that the $79.193 million total billings is composed of the following:

- residential, $20.669 million, of which payment received was at $19.479 million;
- commercial customers, $41.854 million, of which $40.772 million was collected;
- autonomous agencies, $5.727 million, and was paid $5.1 million;
- healthcare corporation, $3.507 million, of which only $1.214 million was paid;
- PSS, $1.9 million versus payment of $1.182 million; and
- central government, $5.433 million, of which only $4.062 million was paid.

According to Warren, the $7.372 million underpayment is spread out among the following: central government, $1.371 million; PSS, $817,381; CHCC, $2.292 million; autonomous agencies, $617,259; commercial customers, $1.082 million; and residential customers, $1.190 million.

Because LEAC, the levelized energy adjustment clause, comprises 60 percent of a customer's bill, these underpayments have resulted in CUC incurring a significant shortfall in its funds to procure fuel, the two officials said.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that fuel expense in the three-month period totaled $79.029 million—resulting in a shortfall of $7.2 million when compared to the $71.8 million collected in that period.

In response to board members' queries last Thursday, Warren and Fletcher said the huge underpayment and late payments of customers "really exacerbated" CUC's cash flow situation.

Compared to other utilities that usually have cash reserves of 90 to 180 days, CUC's cash reserve is only good for 10 to 15 days, according to Fletcher and Warren.

"Our main challenge really is the ability to stay in business," said Fletcher.

### Settlement with PSS

CUC legal counsel James Sirok, meantime, told the board that CUC and PSS are currently negotiating a settlement deal on the system's unpaid utility obligations.

CUC earlier filed three collection lawsuits against the central government, the hospital, and the school system to collect on these outstanding receivables.

Sirok disclosed that the central government has filed a motion to dismiss the suit, arguing that CUC, which was created by the government, cannot sue the entity that actually established it.

As for the CHCC, Sirok said the agency seems to be in a wait-and-see mode on what will happen to the motion filed by the government.

"[With PSS], there's negotiation of some kind of settlement," said Sirok, who further updated the board during an executive session.

Based on financial records, the aging receivables from the CNMI government, CHCC, and PSS as of March 2014 have already ballooned to $22.556 million.

Of this amount, the bulk is incurred by CHCC with $11.786 million owed; PSS, $6.846 million; and the central government, $2.923 million.

# NMC denies $24K in underpayment

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College has denied the report of Settlement Fund trustee Joyce Tang that it underpaid the Settlement Fund in the amount of $24,373.41.

NMC counsel Mark A. Scoggins asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week to rescind any orders directing NMC to pay the amount allegedly owed the Settlement Fund.

Scoggins said NMC is not in arrears in payment to the Settlement Fund. He pointed out that NMC continues to meet its obligations to the Fund in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement in Betty Johnson's class action.

The lawyer cited Tang's Feb. 24, 2014, report and response of the Settlement Trustee that contains information about "underpayments" allegedly owed by NMC and other agencies.

In that report, Tang disclosed that as of pay period ending Jan. 25, 2014, underpayment to the Settlement Fund amounts to $178,027. Tang said the amount is composed of underpayments from autonomous agencies: NMC, $24,373.41; Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., $43,468.84; Public School System-local, $104,457.33; PSS-federal, $103.14.

Scoggins said Tang's report alleges that "since the filing of the Trustee's Report, the Settlement Fund and government have worked to resolve this issue."

Scoggins pointed out that NMC was not consulted about the alleged underpayment and NMC was not among the "parties" that agreed that the underpayment existed.

"NMC has fully complied with the Settlement Agreement," he stressed.

Scoggins cited a provision of the Settlement Agreement that states that "the CNMI autonomous agencies shall make supplemental payments to the Settlement Fund in the amount of the employer contributions for these Settlement Class members at the same contribution rates they were paying as of June 26, 2013."

Scoggins said NMC has been paying into the Fund at the same rate at which it has been paying for several years.

He said nothing has changed and there has been no underpayment from NMC.

"NMC believes that the same may be true of the Public School System, as the agencies are similarly situated vis-à-vis the fund," the lawyer added.

Scoggins said if increases to NMC's contribution rate were contemplated in the negotiations, NMC was never consulted about that possibility.

"It is possible that the underpayment or arrearage is owed by someone, and also possible that this money needs to go into the Fund, but it is not NMC's responsibility," he said.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Opening Date: March 10, 2014 Closing Date: April 10, 2014

The Division of Youth Services Family & Youth Enhancement Program under the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be opening twenty - (20) job skills training opportunities for the island of Saipan, five- (5) for Tinian and five- (5) for Rota that will be funded under the Community Services Block Grant, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The training will commence from April 16, 2014 to September 30, 2014 and will cover the following program areas: **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM; PROGRAM ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.** Some specific responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Participating in Innovative and informative training offered by DYS & partnering agencies
- Establishing positive collaborative relationships with the community
- Acting as outreach liaison between DYS and the community
- Creating culturally- sensitive and competent services
- Attending relevant community meetings to become familiar with the social services
- Conducting community needs assessments through various community outlets
- Performing other duties as assigned

The purpose of this program is to support activities designed to assist low- income families and individuals through training opportunities and at the same time receive stipend for the commitment demonstrated in strengthening youth development and prevention programs in the community.

Specific information on program requirements and applications may be picked up at the DYS Child Protection Unit Office Building #1324 in Capitol Hill or the DYS Offices on Rota and Tinian. For further information, please contact Jennifer Tanaka, Nina Nekaifes or Alex Olopai on Saipan at 664-2564/2599/2550. For Tinian you can contact Augusta Famau at 287-3268 or Joe Santos on Rota at 287-2553.

*This ad is made possible by the Community Services Block Grant under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
  a. Call to Order
  b. Roll Call
  c. Adoption of Agenda
  d. Adoption of Minutes
II. Public Comments[i]
III. Reports
  a. Chair's Report
  b. Executive Director's Report
IV. Unfinished Business
V. New Business
  a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
  b. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
VI. Executive Session[ii]
VII. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters
VIII. Adjournment

[1] Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

# Ex-cop re-arrested for using 'ice'

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REPORTER

CNMI Court Marshals arrested former police officer Victor Val B. Hocog on Friday after he tested positive for using methamphetamine or "ice."

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja reinstated a previous order imposing a $100,000 cash bail plus other conditions for Hocog's temporary release.

Hocog, 39, is prohibited from using a controlled substance as part of the bail conditions that the court earlier imposed on him in granting his request to lower his original $100,000 cash bail to $10,000.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy asked the court to forfeit the $10,000 cash bail that Hocog posted.

Part of Hocog's bail conditions requires him to undergo a weekly drug test. Adult probation officer Simram Simram testified in court during Friday's revocation hearing that Hocog admitted to using "ice."

Simram said they called Hocog on Friday afternoon and subjected him to drug test. When the drug test found Hocog positive for using "ice," court marshals arrested him.

Simram said that Hocog admitted smoking leftover "ice" that was contained in a pipe.

Before the hearing, Hocog's mother was seen crying while talking to Hocog and the latter's counsel, assistant public defender Matthew Meyer. The mother, who was speaking in Chamorro, appeared to be berating Hocog.

Police first arrested Hocog on Jan. 27. At the time, he was a police officer 1 assigned with the Department of Patrol Section.

Drug Enforcement Task Force detective Jeffrey Norita stated in his report that members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force held two sting operations during which Hocog handed a total of $100 worth of "ice" to the task force's cooperating source at a poker arcade in As Lito.

Norita said that he and Detective Elias Q. Saralu met and spoke with a cooperating source last Jan. 21 to talk about a police officer who is allegedly active in selling "ice" on Saipan.

Norita said the police officer, who was known by the cooperating source as Val Hocog, was later identified as Police Officer Victor Val Hocog.

At a preliminary hearing in February, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman found probable to warrant the filing of charges against Hocog for two counts of trafficking of controlled substance and two counts of illegal possession of controlled substance.

# Air Force, Navy training on FDM, at Warning Area 517

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ April 7, from 10am to 6pm
■ April 8, from 10am to 11pm
■ April 10, from 1pm to 4pm

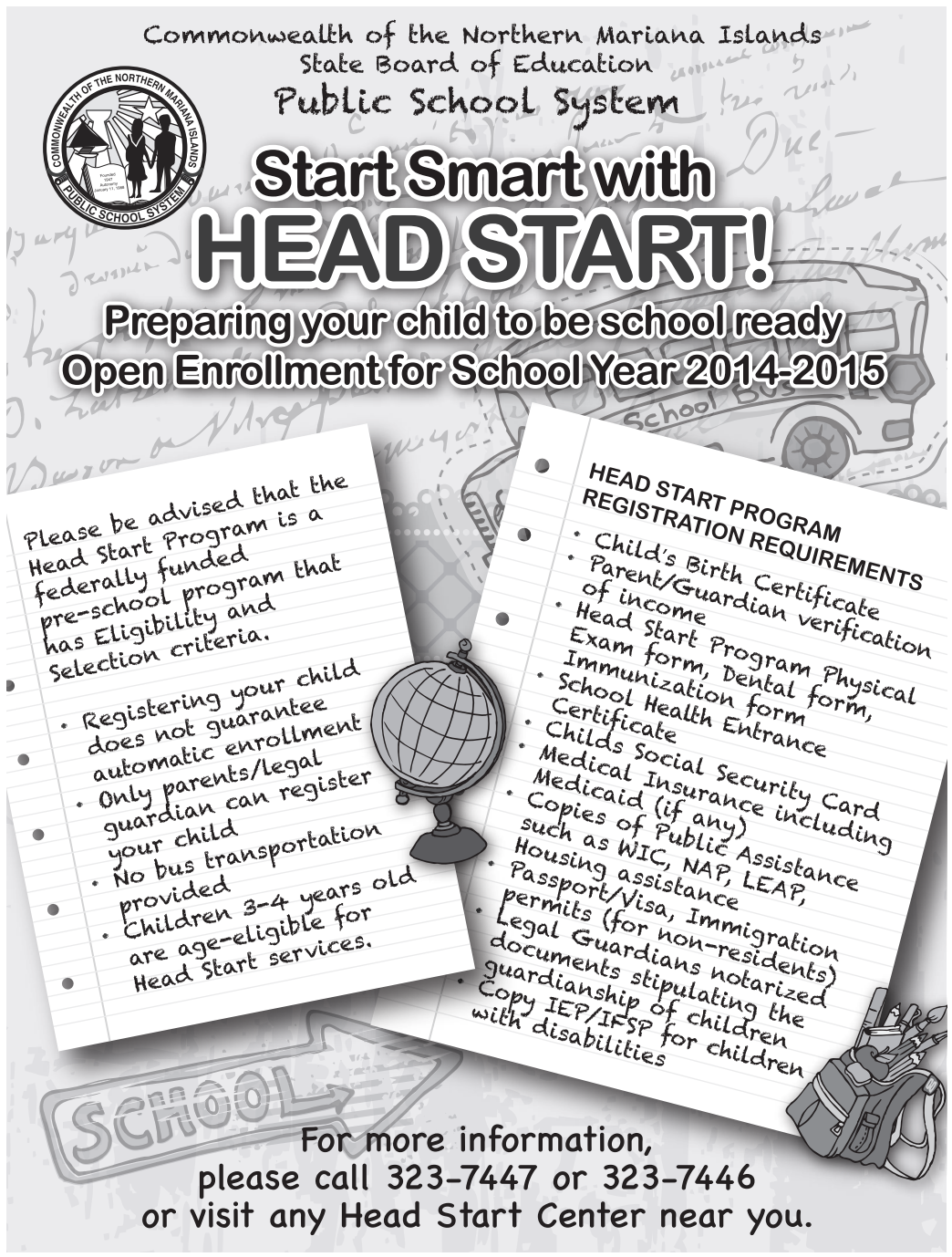
The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517

■ April 8 and 9 from noon to 8:30pm.

The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***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# UH talk focuses on Marianas environment

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From left, Dr. Michael Hadfield, Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua, and Austin J. Shelton III discuss environmental issues of the Mariana Islands at the Kewalo Marine Laboratory, University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

The Kewalo Marine Laboratory at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa last week hosted a discussion about environmental issues of the Mariana Islands.

Austin Shelton, coordinator of the Humåtak Project, shared his experiences with coastal community ecosystem revival efforts that began in Humåtak, Guam after fishermen realized wildland fires and poor land-use practices were to blame for a decrease in the size and quality of their catch.

Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua of the Chamorro Studies program at the University of Guam spoke about environmental issues surrounding Pågat, Guam and community efforts to protect it from being taken over by military buildup plans in the Marianas.

From the UH Kewalo Marine Laboratory, Dr. Michael Hadfield shared information about the rich biodiversity of Pågan Island in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and what could be lost if the island becomes a U.S. military firing range.

The event began with the Chamorro creation chant, I Tinituhon, and a Hawaiian 'oli (chant) led by Dietrex Ulukoa Duhaylonsod to welcome attendees and create a safe place for discussion. Marianas Club at UH officers Jesi Lujan Bennett and Kenneth Gofigan Kuper moderated the event. Chamorro poet Melvin Won Pat-Borja concluded the discussion with a poem as a final thought of inspiration.

Sponsors of the event included Humåtak Project, Marianas Club at UH, 'Ilima SACNAS Chapter at UH, University of Guam Chamorro Studies Program, Kewalo Marine Laboratory (Pacific Biosciences Research Center, UH), UH Center for Pacific Island Studies, and UH Mānoa Creative Writing Program

For more information on the speakers and their work:

- www.humatakproject.org
- www.savepaganisland.com
- www.minagahet.blogspot.com. ***(PR)***

## KSM student wins gold again at Guam music festival

Thirteen-year-old Ericka Faye S. Tubera, a long-time voice and piano student at Keynotes School of Music, just added one more gold to her collection of medals and awards for her talent in singing. Tubera's outstanding performance at the Tumon Bay Music Festival in Guam held on March 6-15, 2014, earned her enough points to bag the gold medal with one of the three judges actually awarding her a perfect score of 100. Tubera accompanied herself on piano in her rendition of *Dance With My Father*, the 2003 song popularized by Luther Vandross. In 2013, Tubera and another KSM student, Karon Pagcu, competed in the Tumon Bay Music Festival where both also won gold.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ericka Faye S. Tubera with her gold medal.

The management and staff of KSM, friends and supporters congratulate Tubera for another stellar performance at the 2014 Tumon Bay Music Festival. ***(KSM)***

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff -v- ALFONSINA M. ARJU and ARJU ARJU, Defendants. | ) CIVIL ACTION ) No. 12-0005 |

**SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 10, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 045 A 031, situated in As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,123 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 003 dated July 12, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-1038, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

**Date, Time, and Place of Sale**. The sale will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale**. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 6th day of March, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff vs. JOSE T. PANGELINAN, Defendant. | ) Civil Action ) No. 13-0103 ) AMENDED ) NOTICE ) OF HEARING ) ON PLAINTIFF'S ) MOTION FOR ) DEFAULT ) JUDGMENT |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of March, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: MOHAMMED YASIN**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 21st day of March, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. VICTORIA SN. BORJA, Defendant. | ) CIVIL ACTION ) No. 14-0034 ) AMENDED ) SUMMONS |

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: VICTORIA SN. BORJA

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SO ORDERED on this 19th day of March, 2014.

/s / KRISTY DIAZ
DEPUTY CLERK I

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### April 7, 2006

**DPH: Haze no threat to health**

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez issued a public health advisory yesterday regarding a decrease in air quality over the Marianas due to weather patterns that have brought pollution to the Pacific region's atmosphere. The Emergency Management Office, however, stressed that the mist over the Pacific does not have any connection with the Anatahan volcano emissions but was brought in by winds from Asia. Decrease in air quality and sulfuric odor have been detectable over the Marianas for the past couple of days but conditions worsened considerably yesterday afternoon.

**'Pass budget first before mulling wage cuts'**

The Legislature has no real basis to cut government wages without first passing a budget, a Rota senator said yesterday. Sen. Paul A. Manglona said that, while he supports efforts to reduce government spending, the Legislature must prioritize the passage of a fiscally responsible budget before acting on legislation that would reduce government employees' salaries. "To pass wage reduction legislation without first considering budgetary needs, and identifying available government resources, would be to disregard our fiduciary responsibility at the expense of our hardworking government employees," Manglona told Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Felix M. Mendiola and House Ways and Means Committee chair Crispin M. Ogo.

### April 7, 2007

**CPA board now directly controls two other posts**

Right now, the Commonwealth Ports Authority board does not only have direct control of the executive director but also the comptroller and legal counsel. During a special board meeting Thursday, the board unanimously voted to remove the two positions under the executive director and placed them directly under its direct watch. The original structure requires the comptroller, who handles the accounting and financing department, to report directly to the executive director. Based on the same format, the legal counsel issues legal advice to both the board and the executive director.

**Pete A. appeals for intact budget**

The Washington Representative's Office has asked the Legislature to keep its current personnel funding intact and all other expenditures cut by about 19 percent. Pedro A. Tenorio, the CNMI's resident representative to the nation's capital, has proposed a $1.29-million budget for fiscal year 2008. Under the current budget law, Tenorio's office has a spending limit of $1.334 million, including $869,596 for 16 full-time employees. "As you will note, this proposal does not reflect the austerity measures currently in place, nor does it de-prioritize the employers' retirement contribution, the amount which was not added in [the Office of the Resident Representative's] current budget appropriation. Should these two be factored in, the variance in funding from FY2007 will be a decrease of about 20 percent," Tenorio told House Speaker Oscar M. Babauta in a March 30, 2007 letter.

### April 7, 2008

**Lizama finds evidence of some wrongdoing in UMDA's lawsuit**

Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama has found evidence of some wrongdoing in connection with the lawsuit filed by the United Micronesia Development Association Inc. and UMDA Laolao LLC against a former UMDA director and various shareholders. Lizama said from the evidence that plaintiffs UMDA and UMDA Laolao LLC have provided the court "it is clear that there is some wrongdoing that occurred."

**'CPR training on small island like Saipan very helpful'**

Training people in a small island like Saipan on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is very helpful to the community, according to American Red Cross NMI Chapter health and safety instructor Glenn Policare. Policare said people on the island are very family oriented, many live within their villages, and it is very rare that they travel outside of their respective villages. "So I think if each community—Koblerville, San Antonio, As Lito, all different villages in all different families, if you have just a few people that are certified (CPR) in each of those villages, I think it definitely helps out the community itself," said Policare in an interview with Saipan Tribune during the American

# ‘Best of the Best’ in the Guam Air Guard announced

Members of the Guam Air National Guard were recognized for their superior achievements and exceptional performance during the Outstanding Airmen of the Year enlisted awards banquet on March 29 at the Leo Palace Resort Guam.

Twelve airmen from the Guam Air National Guard’s four units—254th Air Base Group, 254th Force Support Squadron, 254th Red Horse Squadron, and the 254th Security Forces Squadron—were nominated for the top award in three categories: Airman of the Year, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Senior NCO of the Year.

“This banquet is a great opportunity to recognize all that our airmen have done and have contributed to our Island and our nation,” said Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard. “I have great pride leading such airmen and I thank the families for their support in all we do. The Air Guard has always been there when we need them. A unit we can count on and a unit we can never do without.”

More than 400 airmen, family members, and guests witnessed the event and the announcement of the three winners:

■ The Airman of the Year: Senior Airman Jonathan Castro 254 RHS

■ NCO of the Year: Staff Sergeant John Chaco 254 SFS

■ Senior NCO of the Year: Master Sergeant Richard Flores 254 SFS

Aside from ifitwood trophies to recognize their accomplishments, the airmen received gift baskets filled with a variety of gifts.

“Our airmen have never hesitated to answer the call to serve. Not only have they stepped up, but they continue to set the bar at such a high level, putting Guam on the map. Selecting the top airman was not easy as all of our members have what it takes to be on top,” said Command Chief Master Sergeant Gerard Damian, Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Guam Air National Guard.

Winners now move on to vie for top airman, among the Pacific Air Forces Air Guard units, and at the same time, go up against nominees from 53 other states and territories across the Air National Guard. If they win at this level, they then compete in the Air Force wide selection of the top airmen. Guam Guard Airmen in recent years have won in all three higher level competitions.

The competition spanned throughout the year. A selection committee rated accomplishments of each airman and the winners will move on to compete at the Pacific Air Forces and the National Guard levels where Guam has seen some success. ***(PR)***

# Guam violent-offender registry to go public

**HAGATNA, Guam (AP)**—A registry that will list repeat family violence offenders in Guam is going public next week.

The registry has been in the works for nearly three years, the *Pacific Daily News* reported. The registry is scheduled to be launched Monday.

A 2011 law created through a bill introduced by territorial Sen. Dennis Rodriguez, D-Dededo, requires the Office of the Attorney General to keep a database of those convicted of at least two family violence offenses. A person could be placed on the registry for a first offense in some cases, such as crimes involving deadly weapons.

The registry will be retroactive to 2011, said Carlina Charfauros, a spokeswoman for the office. Someone convicted before 2011 and after also would be listed.

In cases where a conviction is expunged, the offender could be removed from the list. Those on the list also could petition to be removed.

Rodriguez said he hopes the registry protects people by providing them with knowledge. “I think it’s a step in the right direction,” he said.

The registry will be useful for people beginning relationships, Rodriguez and Charfauros said.

“It’s targeted for people who might not know who they’re getting into a relationship with,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez and Charfauros said they don’t anticipate the registry to lead to vigilante action or harassment against those who appear on it.

He hasn’t seen any violence directed at those listed on Guam’s sex-offender registry, Rodriguez said.

# Guam Air Guard SFS receives deployment alert

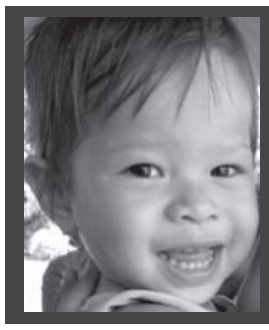
The 254th Security Forces Squadron of the Guam Air National Guard received an alert order for a team of airmen to deploy later this year in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The alert follows the recent return of 31 SFS airmen from Al Udeid AB, Qatar, where they were deployed for about eight months.

“Our airmen have always performed at a high level and as they prepare to answer the call once again, I have no doubt they will be ready,” said Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, the Adjutant General for the Guam National Guard.

The airmen will be deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia with the mission to provide base defense and area operations.

“As we’ve done in the past, we seek the continued support of our community and our employers. But I also want to thank them for the tremendous support they have already given us over the years,” Paulino added. ***(GUANG)***



**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Happy 2nd birthday to our darling Heaven Agnes Maratita Deleon Guerrero! May the good Lord continue to bless you with many more years! We love you! Always, Daddy, Mommy, Sissys, and the family.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of: | ) FCD CN ) NO. 14-0142 ) | |
| Destiny Jade Aldan Cabrera, Minor Child | ) | **NOTICE OF HEARING** |
| By: | ) | |
| Eliceo D. & Victoria A. Cabrera, Petitioner(s) | ) | |

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 1, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2014.

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| **NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff -v- ESTEBAN SARALU BUEKIS and KIKIKO K. BUEKIS, Defendants.** | **) CIVIL ACTION ) No. 11-0143** |

**SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 15, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1243, situated in Kagman III, Phase IV, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 948 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check No. 011 G 23 dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder’s File No. 96-2566, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

**Date, Time, and Place of Sale**. The sale will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale**. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 6th day of March, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer


# Your Child at 18 Months (1 1/2 Yrs)

Child’s Name _____ Child’s Age _____ Today’s Date _____

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child’s development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by the end of 18 months. Take this with you and talk with your child’s doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

## What Most Babies Do at this Age:

### Social/Emotional
- ❑ Likes to hand things to others as play
- ❑ May have temper tantrums
- ❑ May be afraid of strangers
- ❑ Shows affection to familiar people
- ❑ Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- ❑ May cling to caregivers in new situations
- ❑ Points to show others something interesting
- ❑ Explores alone but with parent close by

### Language/Communication
- ❑ Says several single words
- ❑ Says and shakes head “no”
- ❑ Points to show someone what he wants

### Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)
- ❑ Knows what ordinary things are for; for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- ❑ Points to get the attention of others
- ❑ Shows interest in a doll or stuffed animal by pretending to feed
- ❑ Points to one body part
- ❑ Scribbles on his own
- ❑ Can follow 1-step verbal commands without any gestures; for example, sits when you say “sit down”

### Movement/Physical Development
- ❑ Walks alone
- ❑ May walk up steps and run
- ❑ Pulls toys while walking
- ❑ Can help undress herself
- ❑ Drinks from a cup
- ❑ Eats with a spoon

## Act Early by Talking to Your Child’s Doctor if Your Child:
- ❑ Doesn’t point to show things to others
- ❑ Can’t walk
- ❑ Doesn’t know what familiar things are for
- ❑ Doesn’t copy others
- ❑ Doesn’t gain new words
- ❑ Doesn’t have at least 6 words
- ❑ Doesn’t notice or mind when a caregiver leaves or returns
- ❑ Loses skills he once had

**Tell your child’s doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age,** and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, such as your state’s public early intervention program. For more information, go to **www.cdc.gov/concerned or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be screened for general development and autism at the 18-month visit. Ask your child’s doctor about your child’s developmental screening.

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# HOW IS YOUR BABY GROWING?

If you have any concerns about your child’s development, contact the Children’s Developmental Assistance Center (CDAC) at 664-4830

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## EDITORIAL

## Military must study mental illness more closely

Let's stipulate that no amount of security can guarantee an end to shootings like the one Wednesday at Fort Hood. A motivated attacker, especially one able to get inside the perimeter, will inflict damage.

This knowledge does little for our sorrow today. This second such horrific event in five years at the nation's largest Army base leaves us struggling to comprehend and united in grief and anger with those who serve and their families. Four more dead. An additional 16 or more wounded. Too many questions, not enough answers.

And while it's logical to connect the Nidal Hasan and Ivan Lopez shootings, if only by victims and location, take care to not miss the larger point.

Regardless of what the Army says, Hasan was a terrorist who attacked fellow U.S. troops from a warlike impulse: to protect fellow Muslims on the battlefield. His Nov. 5, 2009, rampage left 13 dead and more than 30 wounded. A military jury found him guilty in August 2013 and sentenced him to death. Today, he sits paralyzed on death row in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

We will learn more about Lopez in the coming days. What we know now is that he was mentally ill and, after four months as a military truck driver in Iraq in 2011, was seeking treatment at Fort Hood, living in nearby Killeen with his wife. He dressed for his rampage Wednesday in green camo and shot himself in the head when confronted by military police.

In most respects, he appears to have far more in common with Aaron Alexis, the Washington Navy Yard gunman who killed 12 and injured three in September 2013. Police killed Alexis to halt his deadly spree.

The Lopez shooting consumes us today. What's important is that we not let it slip from memory as we have Alexis and too many other mass killers.

What it should make clear is that the military must study and resolve how its internal culture has been altered by 13 years of active war footing, since the initial assault on Afghanistan. According to a Department of Defense survey, about 7 in 10 active-duty military enlisted personnel are 31 or younger, along with about 4 in 10 officers. These young men and women have spent much of their careers—and all of their adult lives—at war.

The stress exacts a toll. How much? Can the military do a better job of screening for mental illness, from recruitment to discharge? And, importantly, can the military use those assessments in a way that's fair to the assessed and those who serve around them?

Mental illness rarely manifests in mass killing, but mass killing often results from mental illness. We must find a way to study and treat the vast scope of mental conditions without sending the message that we believe everyone with mental illness is a potential mass murderer.

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# Autism in April madness

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The stats are alarming. When I attended the 2002 World Conference on Autism in Melbourne, the ratio of children diagnosed with autism was 1 out of 500. When my daughter in '95 was PDD-NOS'd, it was 1 out of 1,000. The latest in print media is now 1 out of every 60. We've come a long way, baby!

Various explanations are offered. The worn-out explanation on the ratio increase is the convenient canard that we have improved diagnostic focus and reporting. Duh. This is avoidance of a reality of a high order!

The convenient standby is the abstract debate on nurture vs. nature with the sentiment now leaning toward nature. Autism is inherited, we are told, but in a complicated gene transmission. In my case, "nature" gets a hearing. Both my children in my second family, the first, now 22, and the second, turned 19 yesterday, respectively, have physical, emotional and cognitive features that put them on the side of the differently-abled. My eldest girl in my first marriage, out of the genetic line of the second marriage save through me, has since had her second son under the PDD-NOS diagnosis.

Ironically, I always felt that my second wife thought of herself as the genetic source of the spectrum. With the diagnosis of a grandson from my first wife, I would be the source of the influence if genetics were the main source.

I shan't dismiss "nurture" too quickly either. I think that the chemical input into our body metabolism, since we started using preservatives on food and medicine (vaccine mercury preservatives is targeted by some parents), and on food items, might also be responsible. I've watched the alteration of food inputs in the Chinese diet in Asia's mainland in the last five years coincidentally simultaneous with the increase of autism incidence in the population, now alarmingly reported and noticeable in a culture that has a well-developed sense of health and well-being on its track record.

It is autism in April that grabs my attention since my second marriage collapsed as a consequence of both our children being diagnosed within the spectrum. With Saipan's old PACA (Parents' Association of Children with Autism), and later, STaRPO (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota Parents' Organization) that expanded to include cerebral palsy and Down syndrome along with ASD (autism spectrum disorder), and knowing the islands' growing diagnosis of ASD, and the concomitant parents' anguish as many marriages would not hold from the attention the syndrome required, we carry the scars of close quarter wars.

Perhaps, the ASD diagnosis itself needs refining. It now covers three general categories: PDD-NOS (essentially means one does not fit the norm but "we do not know what to call you"), Asperger's (talented but weird), and general autism (do not behave in a normal fashion in language development, social interaction, and engages in repetitive behavior). Separating them might disperse the numbers on the ratio but it will not get us any closer to understanding how some of our children develop an out-of-the-norm neural ability from neural inflammation or "excitatory neurons" in the brain.

Maybe the category "normal" itself has to be closely looked at. We do know that no two individuals are ever the same, even for identical twins, and yet we insist on treating people from a rule of thumb that 60 percent fits a norm and the extreme 20 percent of both ends are the unusual, or worst, "abnormal"! Educational terms are very instructive. We "mainstream" the differently-abled. We run schools as if they are factory lines of moldable brains to fit a pattern, and grade them according to how quickly and how well they fit prescribed ideals. The 40 percent on both ends who are either erratic or non-complaint are candidates for SpEd!

We are only too familiar with the excruciating pain autism engenders on the ground. I remember a bright young student in sixth grade at SVES who did not fit the norm but was mainstreamed from SpEd, and given to tantrums when resistant to group behavior (as was often required in classes of 25-30 students). I am sure she was frustrated as she really tried hard to learn. The best I could offer was be a glorified baby-sitter who managed to keep his cool 99 percent of the time. She did not get the pedagogical attention she deserved.

Parents gathered around PACA, mostly at the Marianas Resource Center at Oleai's UMC, and later, at CK's STaRPO, anguished their souls and their marriages into the rocky precipices of despair. It is time to abandon the one-track route to onion skin and let our classrooms reflect the collaborative efforts that now characterize our normal communal endeavors. Teachers and students can team teach and cooperatively learn in classrooms; time not to mainstream SpEd, but to SpEd the mainstream!

In case one missed our under the radar assault on the gathered forces out in the open prairies of education, private and public, I've been circling covered wagons, and here's the kicker: we spend more than half of our national budget on the military, but on education, well, ah, uh, hmm, what's the weather like on Rota?

# Issues: Ignorance vs negligence

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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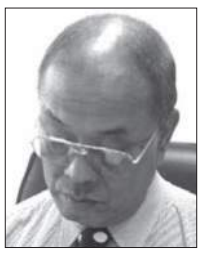

Planning our future must be a difficult issue (conundrum) thus the "walking dead" on the hill scaring anyone endowed with reasonable mind. Sorry, we're very scared, indeed! Or is the apparent arrogance founded on ignorance, negligence, apathy or lack of conscientious leadership or all of the above?

Take your pick for it seems our politicians have mastered the art of finding scapegoats for every issue they wish to ignore in complete abandon. The negligence even allows itself to fill its own blanks in mediocrity.

Well, the elected elite is fuming mad upon learning that even scapegoats had to go home for vacations too. Are there more scapegoats in our bag of tricks or have we exhausted them all, including used ones?

We complain of the lack of job opportunities for locals because guest workers are occupying them today. While this half-cocked assertion may be music to ill-informed local ears, it points to the greater anomaly (we refuse to accept)—the lack of an organized plan to gradually allow their entry into job markets. In the process, we unjustifiably demonize people who have nothing to do with our lack of policy on this very issue.

We wanted investment but decided to engage in deceitful acts against a major investor who has started the Tinian Dynasty project. It's going home shutting investment plans for the entire CNMI. This is the price of policy instability hailing from the hill. Isn't black-and-white television completely out of date? Whatever happened to vision?

Constructive policies are best set by those with higher levels of academic and professional competence. I'm not sure that retired government employees with little competence would help the NMI move forward with confidence.

Their role instantly turns into redundancy or circling the wagon of disorientation when push comes to shove on real significant issues. No aspersion intended here but quality leadership begets quality policies and hope for better break of dawn.

### Cost of healthcare

We're used to taking things for granted, even convinced that our health problems is the responsibility of the medical staff at CHC or specialists in off-island medical centers.

The cost of operations of the only hospital here is huge and the annual budget of $40 million is way conservative for its actual cost. From ambulatory, tertiary and catastrophic level, medical services are all handled with the best of efforts though limited our resources may be.

Doctors, nurses, ancillary and administrative staff give it their best 24/7. The advisory board ensures policy measures are taken to improve services. Most of the entire CHC community looks forward to retiring by leaving behind a system that is better than when they first came into the fold.

Beyond the politics of MPLT funds, it's vital that there's peer review why the $2.5 million in interest earned is best funneled to investing in the health of our people.

Beyond the naked eye, our indigenous population is very sick and the last three weeks is a tale of this issue when every bed at CHC was taken. This trend doesn't look like it's going to subside either. It would take a turn for the worse, and when it does, we definitely can't expect divine intervention on an issue that requires the sound disposition of everybody!

The journey is rather long and seemingly all uphill. Let's slide into easing it before we're caught with our pants down at the eleventh hour.

### It's all about health

Health is the most important aspect in the livelihood of any community. A healthy community can plan its future together. A sick community won't lift a finger and not when floored by a debilitating illness. There's hardly any room for clear thinking and fully thought-out disposition.

Yes, we expect illnesses among our people. But we need not convince ourselves that our answer to ailments is at CHC. The answer to a healthy you must begin with you! For instance, what's the use of bringing in a world famous cardiologist (heart specialist) when the muscles of your heart have all been destroyed by poor health habit? Your next best doctor is upstairs. Start praying!

The trick to a healthy you is the term "moderation." Whether you're dealing with food, drinks, exercise or what have you, sticking to moderation gets you home free. When eating, fill your tummy only 60 percent full. This gives it the chance to digest food easily. A 100 percent fill sends you yawning as you settle down on the couch. A very poor pit stop, amigo! By the time you know it, your tummy meets the sun first, every time.

When you exercise, take stock of your age and begin slow brisk walking. At home, don't ask a family member to hand anything to you at all. Get up and do it just to make sure you're physically moving.

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It's alarming the number of young kids slipping cigarettes into betel nuts even with their parents around. In my gut it's almost a certainty that some of them would contract mouth, esophageal or stomach cancer before reaching high school. Is the next epidemic oral cancer?

The mom, who was around, simply smiled and said, "He just wants a quick high." And I was like, "How do I deal with ignorance and stupidity?" Hasn't she learned anything about the use of cigarettes and the long-term effects of woefully unhealthy habits? Mind numbing!

# Lesson in surviving hate

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At a time when sectarian wars are on the rise, a fascinating exhibit at the Free Library of Philadelphia reminds us that people aren't born with these visceral hatreds, but are taught them.

Called "Survival in Sarajevo: Jews, Muslims, Serbs, and Croats during the siege of Sarajevo, 1992-1995," the exhibit raises a fascinating question: Why are some people able to rise above political and media machinations that aim to instill hate?

In the polyglot city of Sarajevo, few thought the sectarian violence sparked by the breakup of Yugoslavia would reach them. But the city was besieged, mortared, and starved by Belgrade-backed Serbs for three years while the world looked on and did nothing. The Serbs only let sporadic shipments of food aid enter the city, while sniping and shelling those who queued for bread and water.

So a handful of Holocaust survivors turned Sarajevo's one remaining synagogue into a humanitarian aid agency, La Benevolencija (meaning "good will"). There, Jews and Muslims, along with Serbian Orthodox and Catholic Croats, worked together to feed hundreds of near-starving citizens daily. I have a very personal interest in this story, as I visited Sarajevo during the siege and attended Passover seder in 1996 at the synagogue. (More about that below.)

The large, turn-of-the-century Ashkenazi synagogue became a shelter, clinic, and storage hall for the needy, with no questions asked about background. Five hundred thousand medical prescriptions were filled and 20,000 patients treated.

"At La Benevolencija they did what was naturally right," says Edward Serotta, director of Centropa, the Jewish historical institute that organized the exihibition. La Benevolencija put the lie to the claim by Serb leader Radovan Karadzic that different ethnic groups could not live together.

What was different about this group?

For one thing, the Jews' deep historic ties to Sarajevo put them in a unique position to initiate the project. Sephardic Jews migrated to the city at the time of the Spanish Inquisition in the 16th century, and, under the Ottoman Empire, were never required to live in ghettos; Ashkenazi Jews arrived when the Austro-Hungarian empire took control of Bosnia in the late 19th century.

The community was decimated by Nazis and Croatian fascists during World War II, with only slightly more than 1,000 Jews remaining at the beginning of the siege. But many of them had lived through the Holocaust or fought with the Yugoslav partisans. In the words of the exhibit, La Benevolencija's organizers "shared with a lesson Jews in Europe had been learning for centuries: how to survive."

Equally important, the fact that Jews were considered neutral enabled their vans to pass through Muslim, Croatian Catholic, or Serbian Orthodox check points. And they were able to access Jewish aid groups abroad, primarily the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which provided the bulk of their supplies.

But the small number of Jews could not have done this alone, and the Croats, Serbs, and Muslims who joined them were also special. Thirty-two percent of Sarajevo's population before the siege was intermarried. In this sophisticated city, most young people believed their former Yugoslav identity had trumped religion, and tried to cling to that belief when war came. Many Sarajevan Croats and Serbs remained in the city, although it became the capital of the Muslim sector of Bosnia, and were denounced as "traitors" by other Croats and Serbs.

I wish I could say that their splendid nonsectarianism resonated after the siege. Sadly, postwar Bosnia-Herzegovina is still bitterly divided into Serb, Croat, and Muslim sectors, and, even in Sarajevo, sectarianian sentiments have increased. Meantime, civic activists who try to surmount religious and ethnic divides in places such as Syria, Egypt, Iraq, and Pakistan have mostly been crushed.

However, even in divided countries, one constantly sees examples of young people defying the hatemongers. At the Passover seder I attended in Sarajevo, local Jews were joined by Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims, and by the then-Bosnian ambassador to Washington, Sven Alcalaj, a Sarajevan who was half Jewish and half Croatian Catholic.

The rabbi, Moshe Tutnauer, an American Israeli who once officiated at Philadelphia's congregation Har Zion, recited a prayer from the famous 14th-century Sarajevo Haggadah (Passover prayerbook) as he held the traditional unleavened bread, saying: "This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in Egypt. Let anyone who is hungry come and eat."

"That," he added, "is the message of La Benevolencija."

And that example remains a model of how to rise above sectarian hate.

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month opportunity to educate

By GUIDO SANCHEZ
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a crucial time to raise consciousness about this epidemic.

The victims of sexual assault tend to be young (44 percent are under the age of 18, and 80 percent are under 30) and female (nine out of 10 rape victims are girls and women).

While the media would have you believe that the most likely assailant is a stranger predator, that is not the case. It may astonish you to learn that two-thirds of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knew, and 38 percent are by a friend or acquaintance. To curb this violence, we need to educate our boys about the role of gender expectations in sex and violence. And we need to make them understand the power that men are often conferred by society when it comes to sex.

We also need to empower girls and women to avoid abusive and threatening behavior and to advocate against it. For all of this, we need to do a better job of sex education.

Just 22 states mandate sex education in schools. Only 13 states require that sex education instruction be medically accurate. Girls and women need reference points to access for safe, trusted information that empowers them to be healthy. Without access to these points from an early age, girls and women are left to learn about their bodies through an oversexualized, violent and oftentimes misogynistic popular media.

Women must navigate the murkiest of challenges around sexual consent. Regularly, women have their character shredded as they testify to rape and sexual assault charges. Popular media would have women believe that men always want sex, occasionally as an unstoppable force, and the only way of stopping it lies in the hands of a strong-willed woman. Education needs to both empower women to take control of their sexuality, their sexual behavior, and their bodies, while at the same time encouraging boys and men to be responsible in sexual decision-making.

Without a foundation of comprehensive sexuality education starting at primary school age, building toward a school-based sex-positive sexual health program in middle and high school, girls and women will continue to face the daily risk of sexual assault. It is with comprehensive, affirming and early sex education that we can truly honor this moment and make it a time to talk.

*Guido Sanchez wrote this for Progressive Media Project, a source of liberal commentary on domestic and international issues; it is affiliated with* The Progressive *magazine.*

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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## Micronesia

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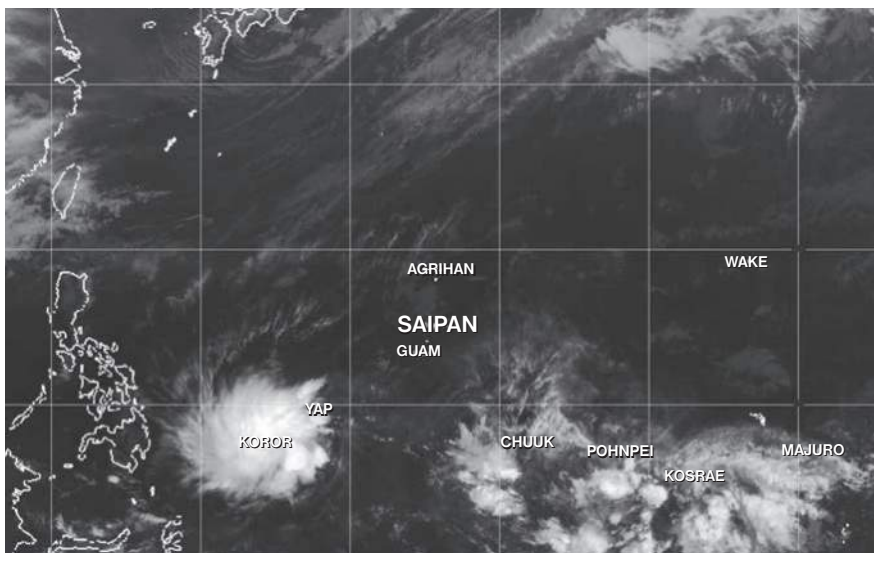
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Showers | ▲84 | ▼78 |
| Palau | Thundershowers | ▲81 | ▼80 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲81 | ▼79 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲82 | ▼79 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲81 | ▼79 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲81 | ▼79 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼80 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲69 | ▼58 |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | ▲81 | ▼51 |
| Hong Kong | Partly Cloudy | ▲74 | ▼67 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲77 | ▼69 |
| London | Showers | ▲59 | ▼43 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲88 | ▼61 |
| Manila | Mostly Cloudy | ▲91 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Cloudy | ▲74 | ▼60 |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼75 |
| New York | Rain | ▲52 | ▼48 |
| Osaka | Sunny | ▲67 | ▼48 |
| Paris | Showers | ▲70 | ▼51 |
| Pusan | Sunny | ▲62 | ▼51 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲76 | ▼51 |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼45 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲72 | ▼55 |
| Seoul | Sunny | ▲64 | ▼42 |
| Tokyo | Sunny | ▲69 | ▼52 |
| Washington, DC | Rain | ▲55 | ▼52 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Peipah (05W) is centered 275 miles east-southeast of Koror near 5N138E moving west-northwest at 13 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring just east of Koror and over Yap between 10N and 3N from 134E to 139E. farther northeast. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 90 miles of a line from 10N139E to 9N145E to 5N151E. For additional information, see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Pohnpei and Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 4N155E to 1N162E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kosrae state within 140 miles of a line from 7N161E to 4N168E to EQ171E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands between 10N and 2N from 175E to the date line. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found just southeast of Majuro between 7N and 4N from 171E to 174E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3:08 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.6 Feet |
| 8:36 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 1:08 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.5 Feet |
| 8:50 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.3 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:09 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:08 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:07 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Thursday | 6:07 AM | 6:31 PM |
| Friday | 6:06 AM | 6:31 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 11:56 AM | 12:13 AM |
| Tuesday | 12:45 PM | 12:58 AM |
| Wednesday | 1:33 PM | 1:41 AM |
| Thursday | 2:21 PM | 2:22 AM |
| Friday | 3:09 PM | 3:02 AM |

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### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5078 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 6:55pm | 8:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota |
| UA5038 | 7:45pm | 8:35pm | 2, 6 |
| UA5078 | 8:10pm | 9:00pm | 3 |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 5:35pm | 6:10pm | 2, 6 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 6:40pm | 7:15pm | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:30pm | 7:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 4:00am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11: 05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/473 | 6:05am | 10:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | Daily via ICN |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

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| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5078/179 | 3:10pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | Daily via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5077 | 1:50pm | 2:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5038 | 5:35pm | 7:15pm | 2, 6 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 6:50pm | 7:40pm | 3 |

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 6:55pm | 7:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 8:00pm | 8:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 1:50am+1 | 3, 6 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 7:20pm | 3:00am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL172/288 | 7:45am | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| UA190/5039 | 9:55am | 6:25pm | 7 via Guam |
| UA190/5038 | 9:55am | 7:15pm | 6 via Rota-Guam |
| UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 7:40pm | 3 via Guam |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 7:15pm+1 | 1 via Rota-Guam |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 7:30am+1 | 2 via Guam |
| UA184/5038 | 11:30pm | 7:15pm+1 | 5 via Rota-Guam |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

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# MHS students top Environmental Top Model 2014

Two Marianas High School students ran off with both the male and female categories of the Environmental Top Model 2014 competition held Saturday evening at Kanoa Resort's Isla Café.

After going through three categories of wear, MHS students Daniele Manzanades and Shemer Dael became the two top models for this year's event. MHS students also won last year.

Other categories included were "Look of the Year," "Face of the Year," and Special Awards from event coordinator Sharmaine Casquero.

Grace Christian Academy dominated the other categories. Kelly Hofschneider and Delly Hizon both took the "Look of the Year" plums; Neil Conte and Ga In Park both took "Face of the Year" awards; and Antonio Santos and Kristine Fajardo took the Special Awards.

The winners also got to take home gift certificates from the event's sponsors.

Manzanades and Dael both got IT&E cell phones and phone cards. Hofschneider got a gift certificate from 360 Revolving Restaurant and Hizon got a gift certificate from Java Joe's in Dandan. Park received a gift certificate from 880 Duty Free and Conte received a gift certificate from Saipan Submarine Tours. Santos and Fajardo both received gift certificates from Century Tours.

All 17 candidates had to go through three categories. The first category was island wear, which had them showing off their island style to a cheering crowd. The second category was casual wear. The last category was the most anticipated moment of the night—the trash-wear. It featured eye-popping and dazzling costumes using recycled materials.

Nhemie Kayao designed the trash-wear clothing. Materials that were used was plastic, Styrofoam, styro-plastics, gift wrappers, trash bags, rice sacks, old CDs, feathers, plastic boxes, dryer sheets, tissue, and polymer chains.

Between shows, Saipan Music and Dance Studio students sang and gave dance performances.

Casquero said that the turnout was overwhelming. "This is one of the most anticipated shows every year. I am so happy that a lot of people watched the show, and we at least instill the event's main objective for our environment."

"I would also like to thank the sponsors and candidates, because without them this would never be possible," Casquero added.

The sponsors are 360 Revolving Restaurant, Saipan Submarine Tours, Java Joes, 880 Duty Free, Century Tours, Eric Vandermass, Aquasmith, KFC/Taco Bell, IT&E, Manila de Salon, Yuichiro Printing, Ayana Salon, ASKS Beauty Salon, and Saipan Music Dance Studio.

This year's event was intended to raise awareness about the importance of the 4Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

JAYSON CAMACHO

The female contestants in their islandwear finery pose while a little tourist takes pictures of the group.

JAYSON CAMACHO

The men show off their sleek style in the casual wear category.

JAYSON CAMACHO

Saipan Music and Dance Studio performers entice the crowds with their intricate movements.

JAYSON CAMACHO

This gown worn by one of the contestants is made almost entirely of Styrofoam.

JAYSON CAMACHO

A young girl from Saipan Music and Dance Studio enchants audiences with her song, *Frozen*.

JAYSON CAMACHO

Candidate number 7 shows her off her golden dress made of recycled materials.

JAYSON CAMACHO

A candidate models a silvery flower dress made of recycled materials.

JAYSON CAMACHO

This candidate's beautiful headdress is made out of box and other recycled material.

JAYSON CAMACHO

This dress is made mostly of feathers, tissue, plastic, and foils.

# Kagman Community Health Center marks 1st anniversary

JAYSON CAMACHO

Front row, from left, Rev. Fr. Isaac Ayuyu, CHCC interim chief executive officer Esther Muña, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, and Ben Cabrera of Department of Public Works sing the National Anthem.

The Kagman Community Health Center marked its first anniversary with government officials and lawmakers joining staff and the Kagman community to mark the occasion on Friday.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider was joined by Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and Reps. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), and Chris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

Hofschneider, who spoke on behalf of Gov. Eloy S. Inos, said the Kagman Community Health Center has "done a marvelous job" during the first year it has been providing health services for the Kagman community.

"They continue to be an asset for the community," he added.

Kagman Community Health Center board president Velma Palacios said that they are still continuing to move forward in providing all levels of care.

"We want to improve KCHC's access to the community and its clients. We also looking at ways to expand our health care services to the community," she said.

According to Palacios, they have been doing outreach programs with surveys and have received favorable comments and many suggestions.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muña commended the staff of KCHC and the corporation for a job well done in providing health services to Kagman.

"They have worked so many hours to provide these services to serve the community and I am proud of them," Muña said.

KCHC executive director Vince Castro said the number of patients who visit the center has been steadily growing.

"When we first started, our first month we only had 14 visits. Just last month we've had 363 visits and we have improved," Castro said.

According to Castro their next funding cycle for three years includes a grant that will give them $750,000 a year and will total $2.25 million for the three-year cycle. He said they plan to use the money to expand the center's services.

"In fact, there are three buildings here and were planning to make another one for case management," Castro said. "One of the resident said that they are doing a patience center/medical home model so we'll have case management to educate them so they can make decisions for their health."

JAYSON CAMACHO

From left, Rep. Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), WIC Clinic Manager Ruth Sablan, and Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) at the Kagman Community Health Center's first anniversary on Friday.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that there are going to be satellite clinics as well.

According to Castro, in the next couple of months they would be dispensing medicines at the center.

Castro also said that they are also working closely with the Commonwealth of Transit Authority. "We will be partnering with them because they can transport [persons with disabilities] with their Call-a-Ride services," he said.

The event started at 10am with the posting of colors from Kagman High School's Color Guard. Chacha Oceanview Middle School's Music Club sang the National Anthem. Rev. Fr. Isaac M. Ayuyuled the invocation. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

# A community of StaRs navigating change

**By THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

NMPASI's Greg Borja talks to youth participants at the inaugural conference.

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Over 120 community members gathered at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort on Saturday for the inaugural Family Awareness Workshop hosted by the Talaabwogh StaR Association.

According to T-StaR group member Maira Arriola, the organization was formed in July of 2012 as a way to give youth on Saipan alternatives to drugs and alcohol. The six-hour summit over the weekend was just one of the many events the group has set up to achieve their objectives.

"This is the first time we created this summit. One of our objectives is to build capacity within our youth and their parents," she said.

The summit was led by youth from the organization's target villages such as Tanapag, Achugao, As Mahetok, and Lower Base.

Arriola said the conference focused on the prevention of underage drinking, substance abuse, and anti-bullying. "We thought it was important to host something like this because the only way we can bring awareness and build capacity is to educate the people. If they are informed and knowledgeable we will have a safer place to live."

The conference featured several guest presenters. Project Brabu coordinator Tiara Evangelista and project evaluator James Arriola presented on underage drinking.

Arriola told the participants that underage drinking is "scary "and a "huge problem." He said that when people use alcohol at a young age, it makes them more prone to using dangerous drugs in the future. He noted that based on surveys conducted on people who were incarcerated for hard drug use, alcohol was the primary cause that led them down that path.

"A vast majority of these drug users say that they all started by drinking alcohol at a young age and the habits developed overtime," Arriola said.

Evangelista echoed Arriola's message. She explained the risk factors for underage drinking and expounded on how people can address the core problem—by being educated on it. A highlight of her presentation illuminated the idea of praising children for skills they enjoy and are adept in.

"Whatever it is, academics or sports, praise your child for their work," she said.

One youth member opened up during the conference. She admitted to drinking under the legal age before and that she stopped because she wanted to "live longer and see what Saipan can become." She explained that because of her experience, she has learned that "drinking at a young age really does affect people's lives in a bad way." She said, "We do go through problems but there are answers to them. Alcohol is not the answer."

Department of Corrections officer Puis Yaroitemal said the summit "was a great way to reach out to the youth." Yaroitemal said there is not enough discipline for children and as a result "they go out and encounter negative influences from out there." He encouraged parents to be stricter with their kids and to also be more involved in their daily activities.

The summit also featured other presenters and activities by NMPASI's Greg Borja and Tom Thornburg, Department of Public Safety's Nick Guerrero and Dee Liza Udui, and Division of Youth Services' Julian Camacho.

The conference had activities and a slideshow by Rufina Olupomor, Jeremiah Omar, Magnolia Kios, and Chanel Igitol.

# Business

# US finally regains the jobs lost in the recession

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The U.S. economy has reached a milestone: It has finally regained all the private-sector jobs it lost during the Great Recession.

Yet it took a painfully slow six years, and unemployment remains stubbornly high at 6.7 percent.

The comeback figures were contained in a government report Friday that showed a solid if unspectacular month of job growth in March.

Businesses and nonprofits shed 8.8 million jobs during the 2007-09 recession; they have since hired 8.9 million. But because the population has grown since the big downturn, the economy is still millions of jobs short of where it should be by now.

Also, government jobs are still 535,000 below the level they were at when the recession began in December 2007. That's why the overall economy still has 422,000 fewer jobs than it did then.

As a result, most analysts were hardly celebrating the milestone.

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In this Thursday March 13, 2014, file photo, job seekers line up to attend a marijuana industry job far in Downtown Denver. The government issues the March jobs report on Friday, April 4, 2014.

Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute, called it a "pretty meaningless benchmark economically."

"The potential labor force is growing all the time, so the private sector should have added millions of jobs over the last six-plus years," she said.

U.S. employers did add a seasonally adjusted 192,000 jobs in March, just below February's 197,000, which was revised higher. March's figure nearly matched last year's average monthly gain, suggesting that the economy has recovered from the hiring slowdown caused by severe weather in December and January.

"We're seeing sustained improvement," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West. "But we're not really that much stronger than we were last year. And we need more improvement for a stronger economy to come into fruition."

The March figures did signal that stronger gains could lie ahead: More Americans without jobs are starting to look for one, and paychecks are growing.

Most economists expect job growth to pick up a bit to a monthly pace of 225,000 or more. One reason: Americans have reduced their debts and benefited from rising home prices and a rising stock market. Better household finances should translate into more spending.

And a major drag on growth —federal spending cuts and tax increases—will fade this year, most likely boosting the economy. Budget battles and government shutdowns that have eroded business and consumer confidence since the recession ended are unlikely this year.

"Enough repair has happened in damaged sectors and there's enough calm ... so we can have a real recovery," said Ethan Harris, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

## 7M enrolled doesn't guarantee health law's success

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Seven million people signed up, so there is an appetite for President Barack Obama's health care law, but that doesn't guarantee success for the country's newest social program

Big challenges are lurking for the next enrollment season, which starts Nov. 15. Chief among them are keeping premiums and other consumer costs in check, and overhauling an enrollment process that was advertised as customer-friendly but turned out to be an ordeal.

"They have demonstrated the law can work, but we are a ways off from being able to judge its success," said Larry Levitt, an expert on health insurance markets at the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Republican opponents of the law keep pushing for a repeal, but as millions of people obtain insurance, how long can the party's strategy remain a politically viable option?

"What the Republicans need to really pay attention to is what they would do different from the Affordable Care Act," said economist Gail Wilensky, who ran Medicare under President George H.W. Bush.

"Just talking about repeal is not going to make it with 7 million people getting insurance on the exchange. And it has to be something reasonably credible ... it can't just be repeal. We are beyond that."

The source of the pent-up demand that propelled health care sign-ups beyond expectations could stem from the nation's new economic reality: a shrinking middle class and many working people treading water in low-paying jobs.

Health insurance has been one of the pillars of middle-class security for decades. With fewer jobs these days that provide health benefits, there was an opening for a government program to subsidize private insurance.

Enter Obama.

When Medicare and Medicaid were created in the 1960s, policymakers took it for granted that people working steady jobs would have access to health care, said Len Nichols, director of the health policy center at George Mason University in Virginia.

That was "back in the day," Nichols said. "Our assumptions have been all along that you could buy what you needed. But you cannot. And that is why we are where we are."

It could take the rest of the year to sort out how many uninsured people have actually gotten coverage, the ultimate test of Obama's law.

## Panama's president unveiling subway ahead of vote

**PANAMA CITY** (AP)—Counting down his final weeks in office, Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli on Saturday inaugurated the most-emblematic project of a five-year term marked by fast economic growth and more than a hint of hubris - Central America's first subway system.

The metro will surely alleviate the booming capital's dreadful traffic. But critics say the $2 billion spent on the 9-mile (14-kilometer) rail line would have been better used building a higher-capacity surface transport network and expanded bus system.

The critics also are unhappy about what they consider Saturday evening's over-the-top party, with a free concert, fireworks and a Chinese dragon dance, to celebrate the new subway. They call it a political stunt a month before Panama's elections to drum up support for Martinelli's preferred successor, former Housing Minister Jose Domingo Arias.

Trains themselves won't start running a full schedule until Monday.

Martinelli, who leaves office July 1, isn't fazed by the criticism. Notably brash with friends and foes alike, the 62-year-old supermarket magnate hasn't tired of boasting that he has accomplished more in five years than was done in the previous 50. He has an approval rating of 60 percent, and relishes the chance of getting his chosen successor elected, which no incumbent Panamanian president has done since democracy was restored in 1989.

"Many times I've been called crazy for wanting to do works like this, but here it is, and it is for the Panamanian people," Martinelli said Saturday at the inauguration during which he danced calypso and conga along with some of his ministers.

Several thousand spectators, some waving Panamanian flags, gathered in front of a stage by the los Andes station north of Panama City for a concert featuring local acts.

Since Martinelli took office in 2009, Panama has spent upward of $15 billion on infrastructure improvements, including new hospitals, airports and 990 miles (1,600 kilometers) of highways. The subway is Panama's second costliest project in the past century, surpassed only by the current $5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal that began before he became president.

"Never has a government done so much for a country and its people," proclaims a TV ad featuring the subway and a catchy, merengue-tinged chorus of "Promises Fulfilled."

The government hasn't announced how much a ride will cost, though on Saturday Martinelli said the metro "is going to be cheap." Instead, it is waiving fares for the first few months in what analysts say is a clear attempt to boost the candidacy of the little-known Arias, who holds a narrow lead in most polls over former Panama City Mayor Juan Carlos Navarro.

Panama's region-leading infrastructure is a point of pride for many of the country's 3.4 million people, although the spending hasn't been without controversy.

Vice President Juan Carlos Varela broke with Martinelli in 2011 and later accused the president and his two sons of taking kickbacks from Italy's state-controlled Finmeccanica in exchange for government contracts.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Samsung adding anti-theft solutions to smartphones

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Samsung Electronics will add two safeguards to its latest smartphone in an effort to deter rampant theft of the mobile devices nationwide, the company said Friday. The world's largest mobile-phone maker said users will be able to activate for free its "Find My Mobile" and "Reactivation Lock" anti-theft features to protect the soon-to-be-released Galaxy 5 S. The features that will lock the phone if there's an unauthorized attempt to reset it will be on models sold by wireless carriers Verizon and U.S. Cellular. The phones go on sale next week.

### AirAsia withdraws inflight magazine, says sorry

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—Southeast Asia's top budget carrier AirAsia on Saturday withdrew its latest inflight magazine and apologized for an offending article boasting that its well-trained pilots would never lose a plane. AirAsia Executive Chairman Kamarudin Meranun expressed "deep regret and remorse," saying the latest issue of "travel 3Sixty" magazine was printed before the Malaysia Airlines plane carrying 239 people disappeared March 8 while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Kamarudin said the article was a monthly aviation column prepared well in advance by a retired pilot, who had worked for both AirAsia and Malaysia Airlines.

# Nation

# Rallies in cities across US decrying deportation

**PHOENIX** (AP)—Immigration advocates and supporters rallied Saturday in cities across the country in a renewed effort to push President Barack Obama to put a freeze on deportations.

Organizers of the more than 50 planned "Day of Action" demonstrations said Obama has the executive power to stop deportations that separate immigrants living in the country illegally from their loved ones.

In Eloy, Ariz., more than 100 supporters converged in front of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center after journeying more than 60 miles from Phoenix.

Natally Cruz, an organizer with the grassroots group Puente Arizona, said many of the people in attendance have relatives who have been inside the facility for more than a year.

"We want President Obama and his administration to really hear our community members across the country, to understand we do not want one more person separated," said Cruz, who entered the U.S. at age 8 illegally with her parents. "One family every night goes to bed missing somebody in their family."

Many walked with signs saying "Not 1 More Deportation" and calling for deferred deportation action for all. The group included a woman whose son has been in the Eloy Detention Center for nearly three years and a woman who was arrested at her work and detained for two months, the group said.

The Eloy Police Department had about five officers monitoring the rally. Sgt. Brian Jerome said the demonstration was relatively peaceful with no arrests.

Amber Cargile, an ICE spokeswoman in Phoenix, said the agency respects the rights of people to protest outside its facilities.

"While we continue to work with Congress to enact commonsense immigration reform, ICE remains committed to sensible, effective immigration enforcement that focuses on its priorities, including convicted criminals and those apprehended at the border while attempting to unlawfully enter the United States," Cargile said.

More than 50 people, including families with children, stood in front of a federal immigration office in New York City. Among them was 47-year-old Humayun Chowdhury, a cab driver who said his family suffered immensely when authorities held him for 14 months.

"I got out to my family because my community helped," said Chowdhury, who is from Bangladesh.

Chowdhury now has a permit to work in the U.S. and he hopes to get a green card in the future. His 14-year-old son, Maheen, said he was 11 when immigration authorities showed up to arrest his father at 5 a.m. According to Maheen, the separation put the entire family in a tailspin.

"Everything was a mess. We had trouble getting food. My mom just cried all the time. We had to sell our car for money," said Maheen Chowdhury, who was born in the U.S.

The Chowdhurys said they don't want others to suffer the same pain and that there should be a way for immigrants without criminal records to stay in the country.

AP

Anselma Lopez, is consoled by Miguel Guerra outside the immigration detention center in Eloy, Ariz., during a protest of the record numbers of deportations that have taken place under President Barack Obama's administration on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

## 6-year-old boy in drowning case against mom dies

**PITTSBURGH** (AP)—A 6-year-old Pennsylvania boy whose mother allegedly held him underwater in a bathtub died Saturday, four days after his younger brother drowned, the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed.

Schlemmer

The boy, Daniel Schlemmer, had been declared brain dead after authorities say he and his 3-year-old brother, Luke, were submerged underwater by their mother at their McCandless home Tuesday in western Pennsylvania.

Forty-year-old Laurel Michelle Schlemmer is being held in the Allegheny County Jail without bond on criminal homicide and other charges in the death of her younger child. With Daniel's death, the charges against her are expected to be amended.

County detectives say the mother told them she tried to drown both boys by sitting on them in the tub after a third son left for school. They say she told investigators she heard "crazy voices" telling her to push the boys underwater.

Daniel had been on life support at a Pittsburgh hospital, according to the prosecutor's office.

Schlemmer didn't speak during a short video conference earlier this week, and her attorney, Michael Machen, declined to comment afterward.

Machen got court permission to have Schlemmer evaluated by a psychiatrist hired by her family. She appeared in a special vest that is designed to prevent inmates from tearing off their clothes and is on suicide watch at the jail.

County detectives said Schlemmer told them she tried to drown both boys after her 7-year-old son left for school that day.

Schlemmer told detectives she thought she could be a better mother to her oldest son "if the other two boys weren't around, and they would be better off in heaven," a police complaint said. She also told police she got into the tub, fully clothed, and sat on the boys because "crazy voices were telling her to push the boys down into the water." The boys' father, Mark Schlemmer, was at work at the time.

Child welfare officials are scrutinizing the drowning and the family's contact with Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth and Families. The county agency first contacted the family last year, after Schlemmer backed her van into the same two boys, according to police and her pastor. The county office determined that was an accident, according to Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Kait Gillis.

Schlemmer faces a preliminary hearing April 11.

## Army may never learn motive of Fort Hood rampage

**FORT HOOD, Texas** (AP)—Despite evidence that suggests Spc. Ivan Lopez had an argument before going on a shooting rampage, investigators said they may never determine what compelled the Fort Hood soldier to kill three soldiers and wound 16 others before taking his own life.

Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, Fort Hood's commander, said that an "escalating argument" precipitated the assault. He declined to discuss the cause of the argument but said investigators believe Lopez made no effort to target specific soldiers - even though at least one of the soldiers shot was involved in the dispute.

Milley would not say whether those involved were among the dead or wounded, or how many shooting victims had been a part of the argument.

"There was no premeditated targeting of an individual," he said.

However, the military has not established a "concrete motive" for Spc. Ivan Lopez's rampage, said Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Command based in Quantico, Va.

And because Lopez is dead, he added, "the possibility does exist that we may never know why the alleged shooter did what he did."

Three of the wounded are still hospitalized in fair condition at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in nearby Temple.

Investigators now believe Lopez's mental condition was not the "direct precipitating factor" in the shooting, Milley said Friday, one day after he said that condition appeared to be an underlying factor in the attack.

The crime scene encompasses two city blocks, Grey said.

Lopez initially began firing near an intersection, then traveled to several nearby buildings, went inside and kept firing. While driving to those locations in his vehicle, he fired indiscriminately at other soldiers, Grey said.

Grey also confirmed for the first time that the military police officer who confronted Lopez exchanged words with him before firing a single round at him that apparently missed. That's when the gunman put his .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol against his head and pulled the trigger one last time.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Mormon leader outlines opposition to gay marriage

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—A top Mormon leader reiterated the church's opposition to gay marriage Saturday during the church's biannual general conference. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' stance on homosexuality has softened in recent years, but this marks the second consecutive conference in which leaders took time to emphasize the faith's insistence that marriage should be limited to unions between a man and a woman, as God created. "While many governments and well-meaning individuals have redefined marriage, the Lord has not," said Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve. "He designated the purpose of marriage to go far beyond the personal satisfaction and fulfillment of adults, to more importantly, advancing the ideal setting for children to be born, reared and nurtured."

### NYC police: Car flips into Queens creek, killing 4

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A car heading down a dead-end street in a desolate New York City industrial area flipped over a wooden curb into a creek, killing four young people returning from a birthday celebration, police and friends of the victims said Saturday. The driver escaped serious injury and told officers at the scene in the Astoria section of Queens that the four were trapped in the submerged car. Police said the 2009 Honda Accord tumbled into Steinway Creek, a trash-strewn inlet off the East River, just after 10:30 p.m. Friday. They continued Saturday to investigate what caused the crash.

# Asia

# More ships head to probe signals in plane search

**PERTH, Australia** (AP)—Naval vessels carrying sophisticated deep-sea black box detectors were rushing to the site of an "important and encouraging" lead in the hunt for the missing Malaysian airliner, the head of the multinational search said on Sunday.

But retired Australian Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston stressed the two electronic pulses that a Chinese ship reported detecting on Friday and Saturday had not been verified as connected to the missing jet.

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported late Saturday that the patrol vessel Haixun 01 had detected a "pulse signal" at 37.5 kilohertz (cycles per second) - the same frequency emitted by flight data recorders aboard the missing plane - in the search area in the southern Indian Ocean.

Houston confirmed the report, and said Haixun 01 had detected a signal again on Saturday within 2 kilometers (1.4 miles) of the original signal, for a period of 90 seconds. He said that China also reported seeing white objects floating in the sea in the area.

"This is an important and encouraging lead, but one which I urge you to treat carefully," Houston told reporters in Perth.

"I (have) made clear, that these signals and the objects could not be verified as connected to the missing aircraft ... that remains the case."

Houston said the British navy's HMS Echo, which is fitted with sophisticated sound locating equipment, is moving immediately to the area where the Haixun 01 detected the signals. The Australian navy's Ocean Shield, which is carrying high-tech sound detectors from the U.S. Navy, will also travel to the area.

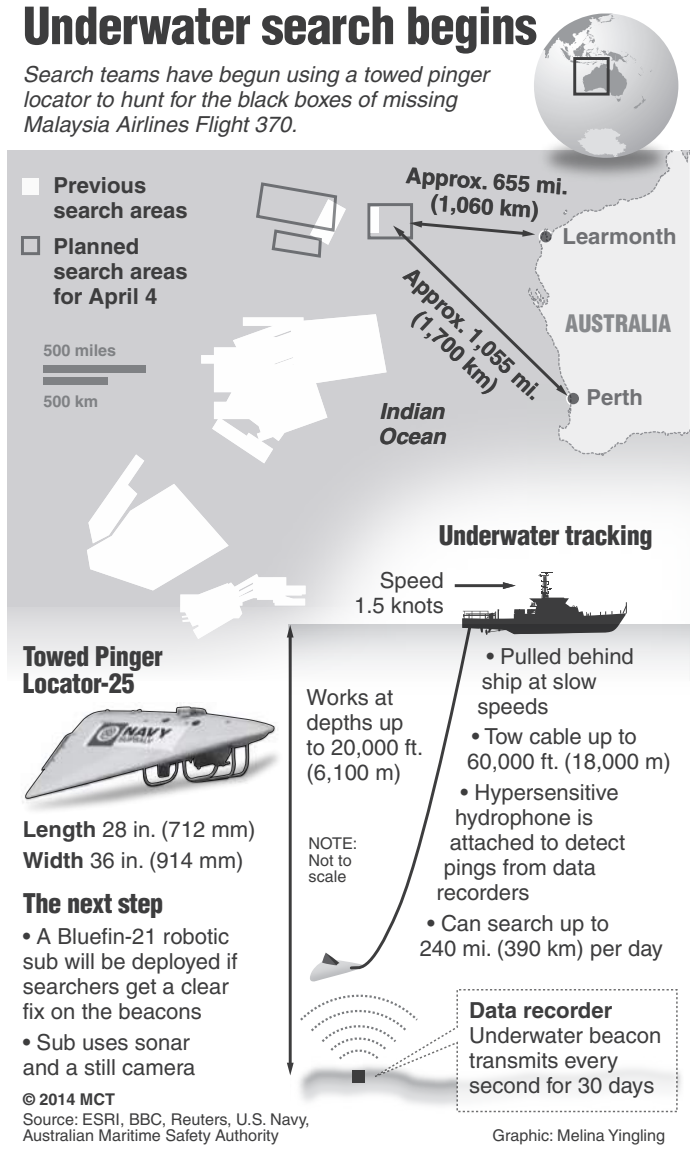
But Ocean Shield would first investigate a sound it had picked up from the deep ocean in a different region, he said.

He said Australian air force assets were also being deployed on Sunday into the Haixun 01's area.

The effort would work on "discounting or confirming the detections," he said.

After weeks of fruitless looking, the multinational search team is racing against time to find the sound-emitting beacons and cockpit voice recorders that could help unravel the mystery of the plane. The beacons in the black boxes emit "pings" so they can be more easily found, but the batteries only last for about a month.

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, and investigators believe it veered way off course and came down somewhere in the southern Indian Ocean, though they have not been able to explain why it did so.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The next step
• A Bluefin-21 robotic sub will be deployed if searchers get a clear fix on the beacons
• Sub uses sonar and a still camera
Data recorder
Underwater beacon transmits every second for 30 days
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## Defying Taliban threats, Afghans vote in droves

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Millions of Afghans defied Taliban threats and rain Saturday, underscoring their enormous expectations from an election that comes as the country's wobbly government prepares to face down a ferocious insurgency largely on its own.

With combat forces from the U.S.-led coalition winding down a 13-year presence and the mercurial Hamid Karzai stepping aside, the country's new leader will find an altered landscape as he replaces the only president Afghans have known since the Taliban were ousted in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

But for some progress, particularly with women's rights, the country's situation is inauspicious, especially with its poor security and battered economy. Yet despite spiraling carnage and grave disappointments, Afghans by the millions crowded mosque courtyards and lined up at schools to vote, telling a war-weary world they want their voices heard.

Nazia Azizi, a 40-year-old housewife, was first in line at a school in eastern Kabul. "I have suffered so much from the fighting and I want prosperity and security in Afghanistan. That is why I have come here to cast my vote," she said. "I hope that the votes that we are casting will be counted and that there will be no fraud in this election."

Partial results could come as early as Sunday, but final results were not expected for a week or more.

International combat troops are supposed to depart by the end of the year, leaving Afghan security forces - not completely battle-tested and plagued with insurgents even among their ranks - to fight alone against what is likely to be an intensified campaign by the Taliban to regain power.

A security agreement with the United States would allow thousands of foreign troops to remain in the country to continue training security forces after 2014. Karzai - perhaps trying to shake off his image as a creation of the Americans - has refused to sign it, but all eight presidential candidates say they will.

In congratulating Afghanistan on the election, U.S. President Barack Obama said it represented "another important milestone in Afghans taking full responsibility for their country as the United States and our partners draw down our forces."

"These elections are critical to securing Afghanistan's democratic future, as well as continued international support, and we look to the Afghan electoral bodies to carry out their duties in the coming weeks," Obama said in a statement.

Secretary of State John Kerry said the "vote demonstrates how committed the Afghan people are to protecting and advancing their democracy." He added that the United States "remains ready to work with the next president of Afghanistan."

The U.N. Security Council issued a press statement commending "the courage of the Afghan people to cast their ballot despite the threat and intimidation by the Taliban and other extremist and terrorist groups."

In general, there do not appear to be major policy differences toward the West among the front-runners: Abdullah Abdullah, Karzai's top rival in the last election; Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, an academic and former World Bank official; and Zalmai Rassoul, a former foreign minister. A runoff is widely expected since none is likely to get the majority needed for an outright victory.

All eight also preach against fraud and corruption and vow to improve security, while they do differ on other issues such as the country's border dispute with Pakistan.

The runup to the election was troubling: the Islamic radicals of the Taliban, reviled by many but still popular in some areas, view the entire enterprise as the work of outsiders and infidels, and they vowed to disrupt it by targeting polling centers and election workers.

## US sending 2 warships to Japan to counter NKorea

**TOKYO** (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel delivered a two-pronged warning to Asia Pacific nations Sunday, announcing that the U.S. will send two additional ballistic missile destroyers to Japan to counter the North Korean threat, and saying China must better respect its neighbors.

In unusually forceful remarks about China, Hagel drew a direct line between Russia's takeover of Ukraine's Crimea region and the ongoing territorial disputes between China, Japan and others over remote islands in the East China Sea.

"I think we're seeing some clear evidence of a lack of respect and intimidation and coercion in Europe today with what the Russians have done with Ukraine," Hagel told reporters after a meeting with Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera. "We must be very careful and we must be very clear, all nations of the world, that in the 21st century this will not stand, you cannot go around the world and redefine boundaries and violate territorial integrity and sovereignty of nations by force, coercion and intimidation whether it's in small islands in the Pacific or large nations in Europe."

Hagel, who will travel to China later this week, called the Asian nation a "great power," and added, "with this power comes new and wider responsibilities as to how you use that power, how you employ that military power."

He said he will talk to the Chinese about having respect for their neighbors, and said, "coercion, intimidation is a very deadly thing that leads only to conflict. All nations, all people deserve respect no matter how large or how small."

Still, he said he looks forward to having an honest, straightforward dialogue with the Chinese to talk about ways the two nations and their militaries can work better together.

The announcement of the deployments of additional destroyers to Japan came as tensions with North Korea spiked again, with Pyongyang continuing to threaten additional missile and nuclear tests.

In recent weeks the North has conducted a series of rocket and ballistic missile launches that are considered acts of protest against annual ongoing springtime military exercises by Seoul and Washington. North Korea says the exercises are rehearsals for invasion.

North and South Korea also fired hundreds of artillery shells into each other's waters in late March in the most recent flare-up.

Standing alongside Onodera at the defense ministry, Hagel said they discussed the threat posed by Pyongyang. He said the two ships are in response to North Korea's "pattern of provocative and destabilizing actions" that violate U.N. resolutions and also will provide more protection to the U.S. from those threats.

On Friday, North Korea accused the U.S. of being "hell-bent on regime change" and warned that any maneuvers with that intention will be viewed as a "red line" that will result in countermeasures. Pyongyang's deputy U.N. ambassador, Ri Tong Il, also said his government "made it very clear we will carry out a new form of nuclear test" but refused to provide details.

The two additional ships would bring the total to seven U.S. ballistic missile defense warships in Japan, and it continues U.S. efforts to increase its focus on the Asia Pacific.

The ships serve as both defensive and offensive weapons. They carry sophisticated systems that can track missile launches, and their SM-3 missiles can zero in on and take out short- to medium-range missiles that might be fired at U.S. or allied nations.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Thai Red Shirts vow to fight back if govt ousted

**BANGKOK** (AP)—A leader of a pro-government movement backing Thailand's beleaguered prime minister has vowed to fight back if the country's judicial institutions and oversight agencies tried to remove the government undemocratically. Red Shirt leader Jatuporn Promphan made the comments Saturday at the start of a three-day rally on the outskirts of Bangkok that is aimed at countering months of anti-government protests and a spate of legal challenges that could bring down Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's administration. "What we are most concerned about ... is a civil war, which we do not want to happen," Jatuporn told reporters. But, he added: "It will happen if there is a coup and democracy is stolen."

### PH says captives are on southern island

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Gunmen who kidnapped a Chinese tourist and a Filipino worker from a Malaysian resort have brought their captives to an island township in the Philippines' southernmost province, authorities said Friday. The kidnappers, believed to be Abu Sayyaf militants, brought the two women to Simunul in Tawi-Tawi province, Philippine presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said, citing a military report. The women were seized late Wednesday from the Singamata Reef Resort in Semporna district in the eastern Malaysian state of Sabah. The resort is popular with Chinese tourists. The kidnapping was a reminder of the security threats in Sabah, a popular tourist destination a short boat ride from the southern Philippines, home to Muslim militants and kidnap gangs.

# World

# Crowd attacks Ebola treatment center in Guinea

**CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)**—A crowd angry about an Ebola outbreak that has killed 86 people across Guinea attacked a center where victims were being held in isolation, prompting an international aid group to temporarily evacuate its team, officials said Saturday.

The violence took place in the southern town of Macenta, where at least 14 people have died since the outbreak emerged last month. The mob who descended upon the clinic accused Doctors Without Borders health workers of bringing Ebola to Guinea, where there had never previously been any cases.

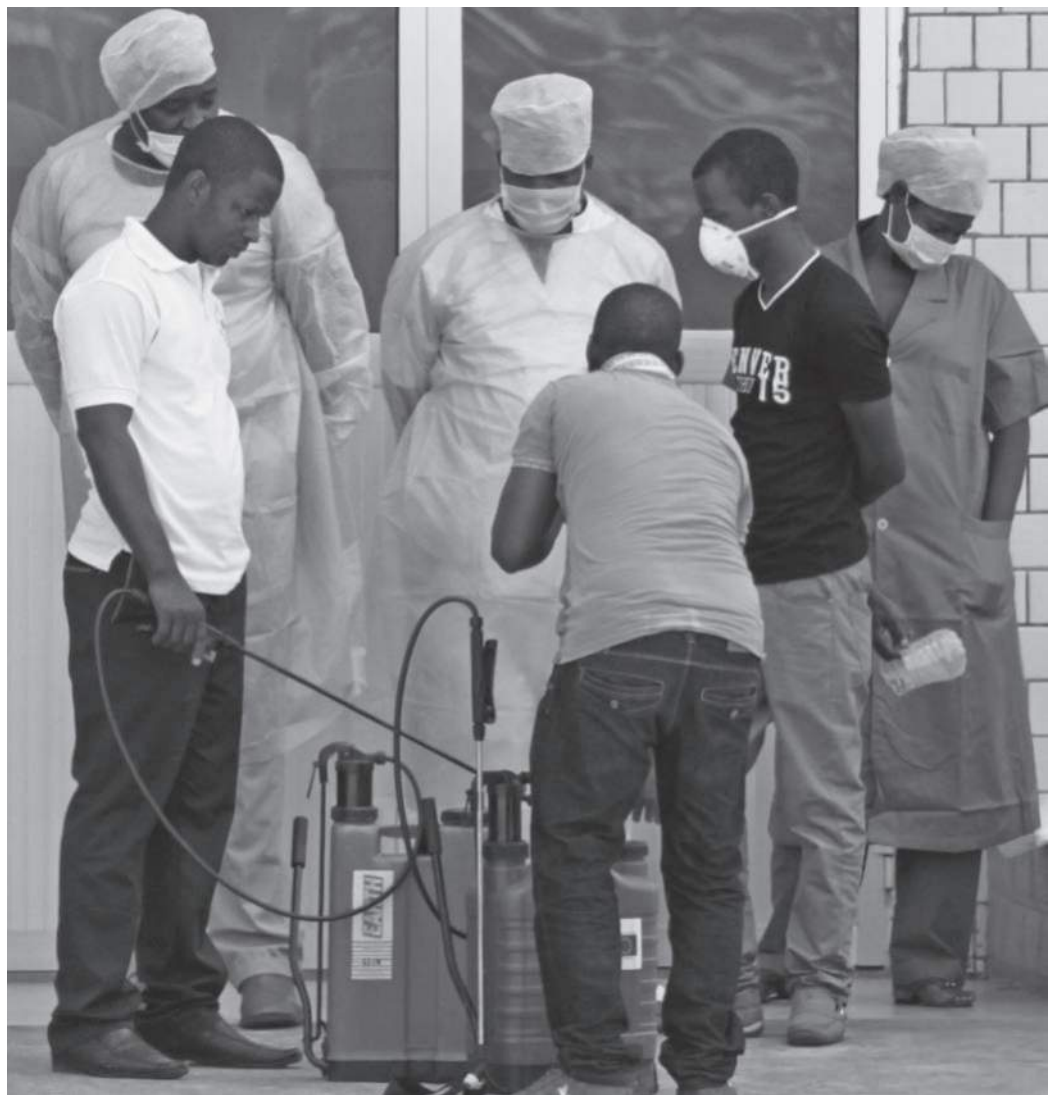
Some young people threw rocks at the aid workers, though no one was seriously hurt, said Sam Taylor, a spokesman for Doctors Without Borders.

"We understand very well that people are afraid because it is a new disease here," Taylor said. "But these are not favorable working conditions so we are suspending our activities."

Patients are continuing to receive treatment from Guinean health ministry personnel, Taylor said.

Guinea's government swiftly condemned the attack, saying that Doctors Without Borders and other international aid groups are key to stopping the spread of Ebola.

"The international community has rapidly mobilized to help us in these difficult moments with considerable medical support and specialists on the ground at the disease's epicenter," the statement said. "That's why the government is calling on people to stay calm and allow our partners to help us eradicate this epidemic."



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In this photo taken on Saturday, March 29, 2014, medical personnel at the emergency entrance of a hospital receive suspected Ebola virus patients in Conakry, Guinea.

There is no cure for Ebola, which causes fever and severe bleeding, and up to 90 percent of patients die from the strain of the virus that has been detected in Guinea. Some patients are held for observation, and then transferred to another area if they are confirmed to have Ebola.

Confusion about the process has prompted misinformation in this remote corner of Guinea. Resident Kolie Martin accused doctors of transferring patients to the isolation ward who had not tested positive for Ebola.

"As soon as someone is brought here, they don't try to figure out whether he is sick or not, they just transfer him directly to the sick ward. So it's them who are killing the people who are in good health," Martin said.

A total of 86 people have died so far from Ebola in Guinea and two other confirmed deaths have been reported in neighboring Liberia. Authorities in Mali are also investigating three suspected cases of Ebola, and they have sent samples overseas for testing.

Experts say that Ebola is carried by fruit bats living in West Africa, and that it could have been transmitted to a human who ate a bat or another animal that had bitten by a bat. Health officials emphasize it can only be spread through direct contact with the bodily fluids of someone who is infected. But that hasn't stopped fear and misinformation from spreading.

In Guinea, passengers aboard a crowded bus fled at the sight of an elderly man who vomited, fearing he was ill with Ebola. In Mali, people protested in the neighborhood where the suspected Ebola patients were being isolated, fearing their presence.

An Air France flight from the Guinean capital that landed in Paris on Friday was briefly quarantined after the crew discovered indications that a passenger had been sick in the toilets. After medical checks on board the flight, the 180 passengers and 11 crew members were released, Air France said.

# EU working with Russia, Ukraine to defuse crisis

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)**—EU foreign ministers stressed the need Saturday for Russia to defuse tensions with Ukraine following a two-day informal meeting that ended with leaders insisting that all options remain on the table—including further sanctions.

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt stressed the need for resolve in dealing with Moscow after it annexed the Crimean Peninsula in March—arguing that Russia had deviated from accepted norms. Unity among the 28 member states was critical.

"We should be very firm on international law and the rules that must apply," he said.

Bildt took it a step further, underscoring Western unease with the Crimean referendum, which was called just two weeks after Russian forces had overtaken the Ukrainian region. Ukraine and the West have rejected the vote and the annexation.

Bildt, who served as a mediator in the Balkan conflict, said that outsiders must start thinking about Russia's motives in the complex interplay of faith and power.

"We are having a profound debate on what is the nature of Russia ... I think it's pretty clear that Russia has changed in the last few years," he told reporters outside the session in Greece. "There is a new political mentality, at least from the Kremlin. They are intending to build up... an Orthodox bastion against the West."

Referring to a public rally last month in which Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke in front of a banner reading "Crimea is in my heart," Bildt said, "You have to ask yourself, what else is in his heart?"

Speaking just before the meeting got under way Friday, British Foreign Secretary William Hague urged EU partners to develop stricter sanctions for possible use against Russia should they become necessary. The EU has so far imposed sanctions against individuals.

The informal meeting involved just the 28 ministers, without the presence of assistants, to facilitate debate, in a tradition reaching back to 1974. Foreign ministers of EU candidate countries, as well as the chairman of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs committee, were invited to join on Saturday, the final day of the meeting.

# Al-Qaida calls for Syria arbitration over killing

**CAIRO (AP)**—Al-Qaida's leader called on fighters to determine who killed his chief representative in Syria, a man many militant groups believe died at the hands of a rival militia, in a move that highlighted a conflict between rebels that has killed hundreds.

In a thinly veiled criticism of the breakaway Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant organization, Ayman al-Zawahri called the killing of Abu Khaled al-Suri an act of "sedition" that should be handled in accordance with Islamic law.

"All Muslims should not help anybody who blows up the headquarters of the holy fighters, or who sends them car bombs and human bombs," al-Zawahri said in a recorded message posted on militant websites late Friday, referring to the Islamic State's tactic of attacking rival rebels with bombings.

"Whoever commits such sins should remember that he is fulfilling for the enemies of Islam what they were unable to achieve on their own."

Al-Suri was killed on Feb. 23, when two suicide bombers blew themselves up inside the militant leader's compound in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo.

While he did not mention the Islamic State by name, it was clear he was accusing the group and staking out a hard stance against it. He also endorsed a previous call for Islamic arbitration over the death of al-Suri to be overseen by the Nusra Front—the official al-Qaida affiliate in Syria.

Al-Suri was the founder of a conservative, powerful Syrian rebel group, Ahrar al-Sham.

The Islamic State, led by a man known as Abu Baker al-Baghdadi, was once an al-Qaeda-affiliated group that operated in Iraq, but also branched into Syria.

It was expelled from the militant franchise in part because of brutality that included public beheadings - considered excessive even by the standards of al-Qaida's ultraconservative Muslim fighters. Al-Qaida formalized the expulsion last week.

The shadowy Al-Baghdadi is one of the world's most feared terrorists, infamous for his relentless bombing campaigns against Iraqi civilians, audacious jailbreaks of fellow militants and for expanding the organization into Syria.

Zawahri's message also suggested that rebels will remain locked in the infighting that has eroded their ranks and cost them territory to government forces supporting President Bashar Assad. That fighting has killed at least 3,000 rebels since January, according to a count by the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The message came as mortar shells continued to hit the Syrian capital and the central city of Homs amid heavy fighting Saturday in the suburbs of the Damascus, activists and state media said.

State news agency SANA said two mortar shells struck the Opera House in central Damascus without causing any casualties. It said 17 mortar shells struck the Damascus suburb of Jaramana, a government stronghold, wounding 13 people.

It was not clear if the Opera House was targeted in the shelling or was hit randomly. Assad gave a defiant speech there last year vowing to keep fighting.

In Homs, a rocket struck a market in the western neighborhood of Inshaat, killing six people and wounding, SANA said. The market is about 500 meters (yards) from the Safir Hotel that is used by the United Nations in the city.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Explosions, clashes kill 21 soldiers in Iraq

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—An explosion at a booby-trapped house, ensuing clashes with militants and roadside bombings killed 21 soldiers Saturday in Iraq, authorities said. The house explosion happened Saturday afternoon when a group of soldiers searched a farmhouse in Garma, an area near the city of Fallujah, 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of the capital, police said. Minutes later, police said gunmen opened fire on arriving soldiers. The blast and clashes killed 15 soldiers and wounded 24, as well as leveled the home, officials said.

### UN chief Ban Ki-moon visits C. African Republic

**BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP)**—U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon vowed Saturday that the world would not forget Central African Republic, as he visited the country wracked by sectarian violence that has left thousands dead and forced most of the nation's Muslims to flee. Ban's visit—his first since the bloodshed erupted in December—came just before he goes on to Rwanda to mark the 20th anniversary of the genocide there. The U.N. chief has been among the most vocal of world leaders in calling on countries to prevent a similar tragedy in Central African Republic. "The international community failed the people of Rwanda 20 years ago. And we are at risk of not doing enough for the people of the CAR today," Ban told members of a transitional council tasked with preparing the country for elections by February 2015.

# Health & Fitness

## Pink eye outbreak shuts schools in American Samoa

**PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)**—Officials in American Samoa on Friday ordered all public schools in the U.S. island territory closed after nearly 2,300 students and more than 100 teachers contracted pink eye.

The outbreak prompted the closure of 28 schools from preschool through high school, plus preschool and special education programs, and they will not reopen until Wednesday. Some private schools were also closed and court cases postponed because of pink eye.

Close to 2,300 students and 130 teachers have pink eye, said Salu Hunkin-Finau, director of the territory's Education Department. About 13,000 kids are enrolled in public schools in American Samoa, a group of islands in the South Pacific about halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii.

"[These] are alarming numbers of students and staff affected," Hunkin-Finau said. "We are giving our children and all our personnel the days as well as the weekend to take care of themselves and also protect others."

Conjunctivitis-known as pink eye-is one of the most common eye conditions, inflaming tissue on the eyeball and lining the eyelid, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC says viral and bacterial pink eye is very contagious, and it can also be caused by allergens.

Local government officials believe it spread from neighboring Samoa, where an outbreak closed schools for a week last month.

The territory's Department of Health issued a health alert on pink eye last week after the number of cases spiked at community health clinics and a hospital.

Dr. Joseph Tufa, the department's medical director, said on territory-run public television Thursday night that total numbers were not yet available.

Parents and government officials say that the number of cases will be higher than what's reported because many people are opting to stay home rather than go to a doctor.

## For many it's not too late to get health coverage

By CONNIE CASS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—It's not too late to get covered. A few routes remain open for those who missed the health care law's big enrollment deadline.

Millions may be eligible for a second chance to sign up for subsidized insurance this year. And some people who get coverage after the deadline can still avoid, or at least reduce, the fine for going uninsured.

Here are five possible options for those still without insurance:

### 1. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GRACE PERIOD

This special break was created for anyone who began enrolling in an insurance marketplace by Monday's deadline but didn't finish. That includes people stymied by website outages or overwhelmed phone lines, missing information on applications, and other problems or confusion.

Those who started an application on HealthCare.gov by March 31 should log on and finish it as soon as possible. Federal officials say they will take what time is necessary to work through cases pending.

People applying online will have until April 15 to finish, administration spokesman Aaron Albright said Tuesday. Paper applications will be accepted until April 7.

Consumers will have to attest that they had tried to enroll by March 31.

Rules vary in the 14 states running their own insurance marketplaces.

For most people, going through a marketplace opens the door to lower costs. Those who use the grace period will get coverage starting May 1 and won't owe a fine.

### 2. USE A SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The government also is offering special extensions for a host of problems that might have prevented people from signing up through a marketplace: Natural disasters. Domestic abuse. A serious illness. Mistakes by application counselors. Errors by insurance companies.

To seek a "special enrollment period," contact the federal call center, at 1-800-318-2596, or your state marketplace and explain what went wrong. It's on the honor system. If the extension is approved, that brings another 60 days to enroll.

Also, at any time during the year, certain life events - such as changing jobs, getting married or divorced, or becoming a parent - open a 60-day window to sign up for marketplace coverage.

### 3. SIGN UP FOR MEDICAID

Those who qualify can still enroll in Medicaid - there's no deadline. Eligibility is based on income and varies from state to state. About half the states expanded their Medicaid programs. The main beneficiaries of the change are adults earning up to about $16,100 per year, with no children living at home. Previously, Medicaid was limited mostly to poor children and their parents and people with disabilities.

### 4. BUY INSURANCE OUTSIDE THE MARKETPLACES?

The law doesn't stop buyers from going directly to a private insurance company, but it may be hard to find one offering full coverage after the marketplace deadline. Insurers aren't required to keep selling plans after the open enrollment period, and companies fear that those signing up later are more likely to be sick or injured. Short-term options that don't cover pre-existing conditions are available. The plans might not be affordable, however. Plans bought outside the marketplaces don't come with government subsidies that hold down the cost for people with low or mid-level incomes.

The penalty owed for going without insurance is based on the number of months without coverage.

The fine for going uninsured for the rest of the year is the greater of two formulas: about 1 percent of household income above the tax-filing threshold of $10,150 or $95 per adult and $47.50 per child under 18, up to $285 per family. It's due to the IRS in April 2015.

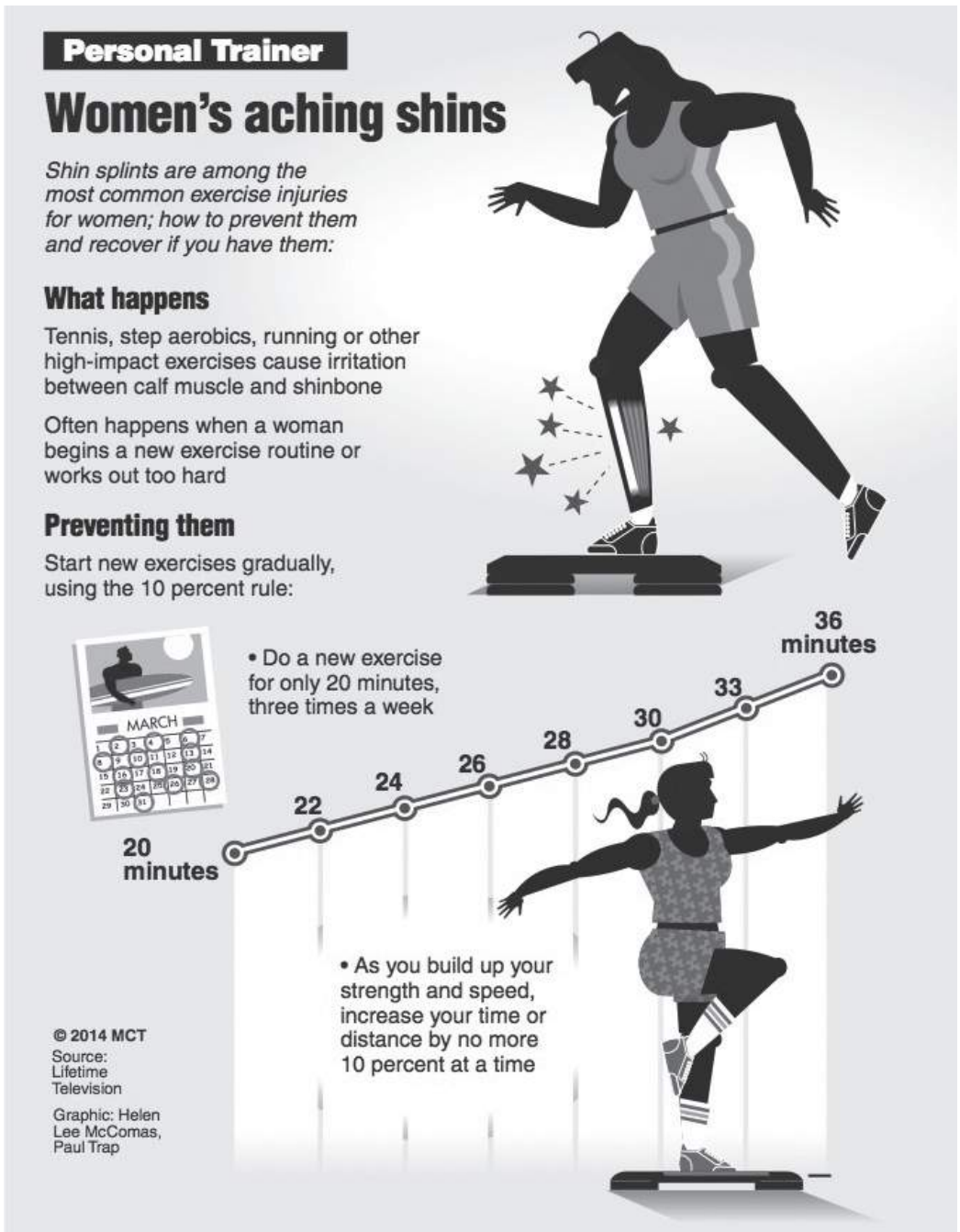
### 5. GET READY FOR NEXT TIME

Open enrollment for 2015 is coming later this year. It's scheduled to begin Nov. 15 and run just three months. That's another chance to get covered or switch into a plan with subsidies.

Supporters of the law are calling on President Barack Obama to make things easier next time around.

The advocacy group Families USA suggested a bunch of improvements Tuesday, including more face-to-face sign-ups, coordinating enrollment with tax-filing season so people better understand the fines, and improving coordination with Medicaid programs.

Something to think about: The uninsured penalty next year rises to 2 percent of income or $325 per adult and $162.50 per child.


Personal Trainer
Women's aching shins
Shin splints are among the most common exercise injuries for women; how to prevent them and recover if you have them:
What happens
Tennis, step aerobics, running or other high-impact exercises cause irritation between calf muscle and shinbone
Often happens when a woman begins a new exercise routine or works out too hard
Preventing them
Start new exercises gradually, using the 10 percent rule:
• Do a new exercise for only 20 minutes, three times a week
20 minutes
22
24
26
28
30
33
36 minutes
• As you build up your strength and speed, increase your time or distance by no more 10 percent at a time
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In loving memory of
†Edward Pangelinan Manglona
Lovingly known as Ed
Born: October 21, 1964 • Died: April 1, 2014
In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Father: †Jose San Nicolas Manglona
Mother: †Maximina Pangelinan Manglona
†Daisy Fleming Manglona
Father-in-law: †Herminio Manicad
His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Merlyn Matundan Manglona
Children: Agatha May Mendiola Roberts
May M. Matundan
Romen M. Manuel
Mother-in-law: Divencia Manicad
Siblings: Alicia M. /Jose G. Adriano & Children
Martin P. /Josephine C. Manglona & Children
Rosina M. /Pedro C. Pinaula & Children
Maria M. Alvarez/†Antonio C. Atalig & Children
Joseph P. /Carmen A. Manglona & Children
Allan F. /Agnes Sandbergen
Anthony P. / Rosario S. Manglona & Children
Alex F. Sandbergen/Natasha Morgan & Children
Steven P. Manglona & Children
Inez F. Sandbergen & Children
Dolores M. /Romel Senga & Children
He will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.
Daily Mass of intention is being offered at 6:00am at San Jose Church in Oleai beginning April 3, 2014 to April 9, 2014. On Sunday (April 6, 2014), mass will be offered at 7:30am. Nightly rosary will be prayed every 8:00pm at San Jose Church.
Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. His remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30am to San Jose Church for viewing and last respect. Mass of Christian Burial will be prayed at 10:00am immediately followed by interment at Tanapag Cemetery.
Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
The Family
HOLY BIBLE

Life & Style

# A monthlong celebration of poetry

April is National Poetry Month, a monthlong, national celebration of poetry established by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States. To mark the occasion, Tinian English teacher Joseph Connolly submitted the following poems for publication:

## 'When in April the sweet showers…'

By JOSEPH B. CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Geoffrey Chaucer, in his late 14th century narrative the *Canterbury Tales*, begins his Prologue with a reference to April. In Modern English it reads, "When in April the sweet showers fall that pierce March's drought to the root…". That introduction and Shakespeare's birthday alone, April 23, are reason enough to have National Poetry Month in April. The fact that Nature begins with its "April showers" to pierce roots all over the Northern Hemisphere and bring up those May flowers seems to seal a deal with poetic fancy. Older readers will remember the Paul Simon song, *April Come She Will*. He appropriated that line from an old English folk song. I have taken the line for the title of a Shakespearean sonnet about April and pollen in the Northern Mojave Desert, Death Valley and Las Vegas. It was written as part of a pair of sonnets back in 2010 for the beginning and end of April. There is a poem here for Earth Day, April 23; "Spring Shout" and "Spring Leaps and Bounds" celebrate and welcome spring in northern Appalachia where I grew up. Enjoy.

### SPRING SHOUT

Trumpet fanfare /warm wind in the air/skunk cabbage starts to sprout
Hills blurry with maple buds/icicles drop with thuds/as Spring gives a shout
Overflowing creeks/muddy for weeks/footprints fill a mud puddle
Groundhogs slide along the bank/ trout season opens /reels crank
As around a campfire we cuddle
Big garden plans and wet muddy hands from new varieties worth tryin
Deer eat rhododendron buds/ sparrows peck at worms and grubs
While we eat fresh dandelion

### SPRING LEAPS AND BOUNDS

A metal spring underneath the marriage bed
There are springs in motion in old clocks and machinery
Spring in action brings longed for mountain greenery
Artesian springs by melting snows are fed
Spring's season is followed by summer and fall
Then Spring follows Winter and is welcomed by all
There are springbok jumping on African plains
Fields turning green after warm spring rains
There's a spring in your step and a spring in your walk
Spring's in the sky when wild geese honk and squawk
When torrential spring rains cover low lying land
You know that springtime has gotten out of hand
There are Springer Spaniels - aren't they nice little dogs
Old muddy farm ponds filled with pollywogs
Painted Easter eggs and fresh spring greens for salads
Spring bonnets and songs of spring love found in ballads
There's Hot Springs in Arkansas, Warm Springs in Georgia
Many other worldwide thermal hot springs that are famous
There is love in action when spring fever comes to claim us
There is one other type of spring that is my very favorite kind
That's when your love for me and mine for you springs to mind

### APRIL COME SHE WILL – WITH POLLEN

Poetry month and April Fools
Thirty days to read , write and rhyme
at home, at work, and in our schools
Just need to find a little time
Now we have passed the foolish first
April come she will with pollen
To hear fresh poems a schoolish thirst
with runny nose, eyes all swollen
In the street sweet chirping is heard
trees spread pollen through the city
sympathetic song from a bird
allergy problems get pity
warm winds blew, a new moon last night
And darkness made the stars so bright

### APRIL GO SHE WILL – WITH WILDFLOWERS

Though we've had just a few April showers
It's time to get in that old car and drive
Off in a search of some Spring wildflowers
At all elevations they seem to thrive
Mt. Charleston morphs into ice crystal
Calico Springs' rocks live up to their name
Death Valley pavement hot as a pistol
As wildflowers play their slow bloom game
Strong winds blow dust all across the valley
Bees bumble in a patch of new clover
Tumbleweeds rest in a nearby alley
As April springtime slowly takes over
Last night listening to a Chinese lute
Darkness revealed Orion's belt and suit

## Earth Days Before We Were Born

By JOSEPH B. CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I did not see all the thoughtless events
that lead us up to the moment where we are
but using everyday basic common sense
we don't need to look back in the past very far
maybe a hundred years before our parents were born
we began serious pollution of the waters and the sky
as farther and farther from the earth we were torn
very few of us stopped to pause and wonder why
I did not hear of all the tragic man made events
that slowly diminished the quality of our daily life
yet entire countries continue on in a manner most dense
little disturbed by the Earth's present daily strife
There is, however, light in the darkness and clean water in the bay
As some folks live Earth Day, helping our Earth, every single day

## five spring haiku

By JOSEPH B. CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

bamboo shoots
grow soggy
in my soup

my truck pulls up
canvasback ducks fly away
painting the moon

johnny jump ups
in the spring snow
kids do jumping jacks

drakes and mallards
quack quack quack
sing spring ballads

out of its hollow stem
new born wasps fly
desert trumpet

*N.B.: On the flowers mentioned: ' johnny jump ups' are a hearty little spring flower that sometimes push themselves right up through the snow. The 'desert trumpet' flower is fairly common in the Mojave Desert and wasps lay their eggs down inside it and when the young hatch they fly right out as if from an aircraft hangar. The flower thus 'trumpets' their arrival.*

# Nicole Kidman keeping it real in latest roles

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—With several films set to debut this year, including such disparate turns as a taxidermist villainess, mysterious amnesiac and an actress-turned-princess, Nicole Kidman will again become a familiar face in theaters.

While maintaining a steady presence in Hollywood for more than two decades, the 46-year-old Academy Award winner has been focusing more in recent years on raising her two daughters with husband and country star Keith Urban—away from the spotlight in Nashville, Tenn.

For her latest role in "The Railway Man," out April 11, the "Moulin Rouge" and "The Hours" star plays a supportive wife to World War II veteran Eric Lomax (Colin Firth). In the autobiographical adaptation, Patti and Eric Lomax confront his past as a prisoner of war in Thailand, where he worked on the "death railway," a 258-mile stretch of treacherous train track running into Burma.

Upcoming this year, Kidman will also play a villainess in "Paddington," amnesiac in "Before I Go to Sleep," leading lady Grace Kelly in "Grace of Monaco" and Middle East pioneer Gertrude Bell in "Queen of the Desert."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kidman discussed tackling portrayals of realer-than-real women like former nurse Patti Lomax, Gertrude Bell and her highly anticipated role in "Grace of Monaco," which is opening this year's Cannes Film Festival. ("Grace" was delayed from release last year following creative differences between the film's director and distributor.)

**AP:** You've played so many characters over the years, but how do you approach the ones based on actual people, like Virginia Woolf, Grace Kelly and Patti Lomax?

**Kidman: Patti is different because she's still alive and was able to give me information about herself. I didn't meet her until I started filming. Everyone kept saying, "Do you want to meet her?" I was like, "No, I'd really like to be able to watch her in an interview." Actually, the producer sat with her for hours - he's a very good friend of hers - and taped her and sent me the tapes. I basically had access to her whole life, stories about her, her mannerisms and behavior, like I was a fly on the wall.**

**AP:** You have three films coming out with Colin Firth ("The Railway Man," "Before I Go to Sleep," "Paddington"). What is it about him that compels you to continue to work with him?

**Kidman: I just enjoy him. I really enjoy his brain and his talent, but he has a really great sense of humor. Me and millions of other women in the world go, "Wow! Colin Firth!" My mom adores him. My sister adores him. I've just got so many friends who go, "Oh my gosh. Colin Firth." I now know him in a different way, but I have such respect for him as an actor.**

**AP:** Tell me what it was like to play Grace Kelly. Have you seen the film yet?

**Kidman: I have not seen the version that's showing at Cannes, but obviously I will. I may be seeing it opening night at Cannes. It was the chance of a lifetime to play her. I really admire her, and I think she has such otherworldly qualities. I think she has an aura about her. I don't know if I'm able to capture that, but I was honored to have the chance to. We'll see. It's only a six-month period of her life that we depict. It's a fairytale. It's not a heavy drama. It's got beautiful costumes. It's sumptuous.**

AP

In this Sept. 6, 2013 file photo, Nicole Kidman poses for a photograph on the red carpet at the gala for the new movie "The Railway Man" during the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

**AP:** You've had the chance to work with some incredible filmmakers throughout your career. What was it like teaming up recently with director Werner Herzog for "Queen of the Desert"?

**Kidman: I call it Werner World. Werner World is just a different realm. It's glorious. I said to him, "Werner, I feel like I've been in a dream with you for the past two-and-a-half months, and now I've got my feet back on earth." I'm at a place where I'm so interested in exploring things and going places that I haven't been. I want my life to be full, so that means all of us - my family - up and moving to Morocco and doing this so we can have the experience.**

**AP:** Between your schedule and Keith's schedule, how do you balance everything?

**Kidman: Every time when we're not working, we spend together. That's it. It's that simple. We're not off. We have a very simple life but an extraordinary creative life, if that makes sense. I'm lucky that I've got a partner that's totally committed to making it work. We have two little girls that we adore, and we're very blessed, in the sense of having a family. We certainly talk about everything. We make the decisions together.**

**AP:** Where are you most happy these days? Is it in Nashville or on a set somewhere or back in Australia?

**Kidman: Happiness, that's obviously different for everybody, but what I call my joy, the thing that makes me feel incredibly satiated, is my family, and then I get to go and play out all of my ideas and feelings through all these different characters. Then, I come back to just being mama.**

# Stern on 'Late Show' job: 'My plate is full'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Howard Stern is just one of the names industry spectators are floating around as a possible replacement for David Letterman.

At least for now though, the longtime radio personality says of the idea, "My plate is full."

Stern addressed the late-night TV talk show host's retirement announcement while arriving in New York on Friday for "America's Got Talent" auditions. Stern is one of the judges on the show.

The 60-year-old stressed Letterman's impact on late-night TV, saying he's sad to see Letterman leave. Stern said he enjoyed his appearances on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

"I've been doing the show for years and years and I've had so many funny, great times with him that, you know, it'll be weird not to have him there."

Stern also said there are few people in show biz whose opinion matters to him, and Letterman is one.

Stern

One of Stern's fellow "America's Got Talent" judges, Heidi Klum, supports the idea of Stern taking over for Letterman, saying he'd be perfect.

"Howard is very special, you know? He gets right to the chase. He's not scared of anything, and I like that about him. He gets things out of people. Sometimes people don't even want to like say certain things, and he gets it out of them."

Letterman announced Thursday he plans to retire next year.

"America's Got Talent" returns in May.

# Gloria Steinem honored with annual DVF award

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Nobody can really believe that Gloria Steinem has just turned 80 years old—and that includes Steinem herself.

"I don't believe it for a minute," quipped Steinem, the venerated women's rights activist, on Friday night at the annual DVF awards, where she was honored with a Lifetime Leadership Award.

"I've been stopping people in the street practically," she said in a brief interview before the awards ceremony, "and saying, `You know, I'm having an 80th birthday,' because I have to convince myself!"

Steinem said she spent her March 25 birthday in Botswana, riding elephants. "I had done it before, and I knew that on my birthday I wanted to be riding elephants," she said. But was it the best day of her life? No, because she says the best day of her life is yet to come.

"I live in the future," she said. And besides, she added: "I have to live for another 20 years, because I can't finish my writing deadlines! So I have to at least make it to 100."

The DVF Awards were created in 2010 by designer Diane von Furstenberg and The Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation to recognize and support "women who are using their resources, commitment and visibility to transform the lives of other women." Six women were honored Friday for their contributions.

Steinem

Presenting the leadership award to Steinem, von Furstenberg challenged the audience to name "another woman in our lifetime who has done more to make women's leadership a reality."

Also honored Friday night at the ceremony at the United Nations headquarters was singer Alicia Keys, who received the Inspiration Award.

"I really believe in inspiration. I want to make inspiration my business," Keys told the crowd, to cheers.

Each award winner receives $50,000 for her chosen cause. "You can imagine how great it is to be able to give away $50,000," Steinem said, noting that her money was being used to advocate for the human rights of women and girls around the world.

# Mother who lost baby wants to find right words for grief

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
*UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE*

Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** My 1-year-old baby recently passed away. I have two other children, one with special needs. I find it irritating and not at all comforting when people tell me that "at least I have other children and that I should concentrate on them."

How can I politely tell them that I have never stopped taking care of my other children, and that nothing eases the pain of burying your child?

MOURNING MY BABY IN PUERTO RICO

**DEAR MOURNING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your child. My heart goes out to you.**

**While I can imagine that you might be tempted to lash out at these insensitive individuals, I hope you realize their comments are made out of ignorance. Sometimes it isn't what you say as much as how you say it. In a case like this, exactly what you have written to me would be an appropriate response as long as it is said calmly and without anger.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter was married for eight years before divorcing her cheating husband. They have two children. When my daughter found out about the affair, she was inconsolable. The girlfriend actually phoned her and said, "Why are you so upset? Everyone cheats!"

Now, two years later, the girlfriend is pregnant. My daughter would like a paternity test done before the kids are introduced to this new child. She thinks it would be harmful if they are introduced to a new half-sibling who may later prove to belong to another man. ("Everyone cheats"?)

What do you think about this? Is it wrong for my daughter to want proof that this is her ex's baby? He feels certain he's the father, but he also knows the other woman has kept in touch with her ex-boyfriend.

UST WONDERING IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR JUST WONDERING: If your daughter's ex wants to claim paternity without a paternity test, there is no legal basis I can think of to prevent him from being considered the father. While your daughter has reason to be angry at her ex and to dislike the woman with whom he cheated, she can't prevent her children from seeing the baby if he wants them to.**

**(P.S. You'd think her ex would WANT to know for certain, but it takes all kinds ...)**

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**DEAR ABBY:** What is the best way to answer your children when they ask if you have taken drugs? I smoked a little marijuana back in college, but stopped before graduation and I haven't done it since.

My children are about ready to go to high school. I have avoided answering their questions in the past, but I know I'll have to say something sometime. What

TONGUE-TIED IN ANYTOWN, USA

**DEAR TONGUE-TIED: I don't believe in lying to children. When you are asked, tell them you tried it in college, didn't like it and considered it a waste of time. Then tell them that as long as they are living under your roof, using ANY illegal substance will not be condoned.**

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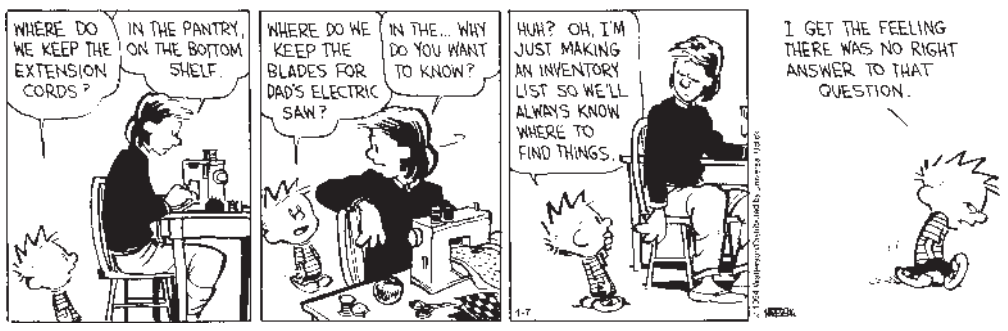
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WHERE DO WE KEEP THE EXTENSION CORDS?
IN THE PANTRY, ON THE BOTTOM SHELF.
WHERE DO WE KEEP THE BLADES FOR DAD'S ELECTRIC SAW?
IN THE... WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
HUH? OH, I'M JUST MAKING AN INVENTORY LIST SO WE'LL ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO FIND THINGS.
I GET THE FEELING THERE WAS NO RIGHT ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

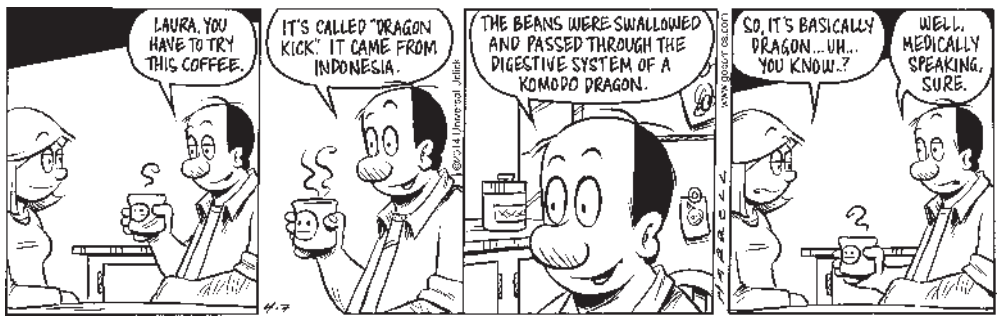
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

GARFIELD, I FEEL LAZY
YES, COME TO THE DARK SIDE
MAYBE I NEED TO EXERCISE
NO! NO! COME BACK!
OR EAT COOKIES AND WATCH TV
YES, COME TO ME, MY SON
JIM DAVIS 4-7

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


LAURA, YOU HAVE TO TRY THIS COFFEE.
IT'S CALLED "DRAGON KICK". IT CAME FROM INDONESIA.
THE BEANS WERE SWALLOWED AND PASSED THROUGH THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM OF A KOMODO DRAGON.
SO, IT'S BASICALLY DRAGON... UH.. YOU KNOW..?
WELL, MEDICALLY SPEAKING, SURE.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Faucet problem
5 Healthy
8 "Star Wars" knight
12 Hun opponent
14 Mideastern gulf
15 Mad Tea Party guest
16 100, in Spain
17 Standard
18 Charlatans
20 Old pen
23 Marathon fraction
24 A slave to crosswords?
25 Role for Judy
28 Lair
29 Choreographer Bob
30 Lummox
32 Dudley of cartoons
34 Showroom sample
35 Reed instrument
36 Helms or Owens
37 Nevertheless
40 Intent
41 Bob of "This Old House"
42 Inactivity
47 Satanic
48 Locomotive driver
49 McNally's partner
50 Bygone Oldsmobile
51 Ruby and Sandra

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1 Netflix rental
2 Brazilian city, familiarly
3 23-Down's land (Abbr.)
4 Zit
5 Quartet
6 "— my party and ..."
7 "— Time Ever I Saw Your Face"
8 Coat
9 Falco or Adams
10 Antelope's playmate
11 Hostels
13 Hockey score
19 Lotion additive
20 Proof abbr.
21 Secondhand
22 — uncertain terms
23 General Dayan
25 Well-meaning crusader
26 Weeding tools
27 Thanksgiving veggies
29 White lies
31 Enemy
33 Jimmy's successor
34 Insist on
36 Guitar legend Hendrix
37 Always
38 Paper towel brand
39 Tiger's ex, Ms. Nordegren
40 Jason's ship
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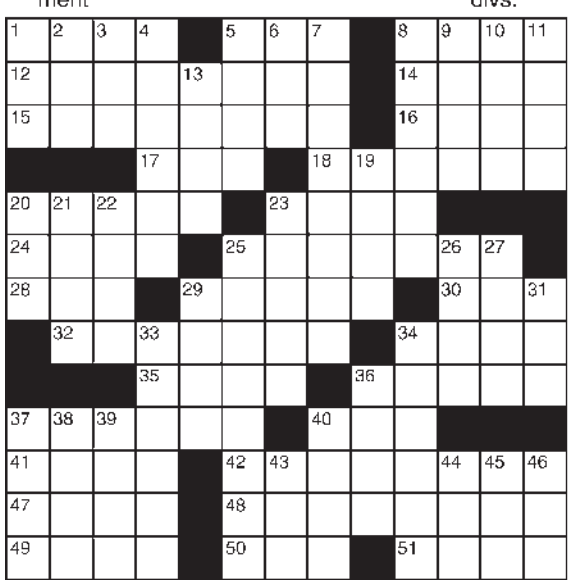
Friday's answer 4-4



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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Don't leave anything to chance. You may be on edge both at work and at home if you are feeling paranoid. Be patient and tolerant. Choose unusual ways to present what you can offer and you'll win points. ✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Communication and doing your best to lend a helping hand will separate you from the crowd. Your offerings and your concern will bring you closer to someone you want to get to know better. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Protect your reputation at work and cover your tracks at home. You should be goal-oriented today, taking a serious approach to your work and how much you can accomplish. Your resources are far greater than you realize. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Control your emotions. You are just as likely to swing one way as another. Put your efforts into creative endeavors, self-improvement and stabilizing your life position and future. Debates and arguments will only result in loss and depression. Make love, not war. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Embrace change, but don't let it cost you. Your intent should be to save and invest in something that will bring you a high return. Be creative and use your imagination. The way you handle your personal affairs will make a difference. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Volunteering to help others will lead to opportunities. An unusual situation will develop with someone who can offer you unique ideas or a proposition that will enhance your personal life. Romance will bring you closer to someone special. ✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): A risk will lead to regret. Focus on your relationships with the people you deal with daily. It's important to nurture and to keep the peace. A change may be required and compromise a necessity. Defuse an argument with a compliment. ✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Look for more ways to use your creative skills. Diversification and expanding some of your old ideas and concepts to fit the changing times will pay off. Love is highlighted, and changes to the way you live will bring you greater happiness. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Money matters and legalities must be handled with care. Impulsive action must be controlled and a strategy put in place. An unfortunate situation with someone will develop and must be handled diplomatically if you want to avoid a setback. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Listen carefully and don't react until you are fully aware of all the implications being made. A sudden change can lead to an argument and an irreversible situation with someone important. Protect your alliances with those you trust. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Be prepared to lend a helping hand and to make changes to compensate for a shortcoming you didn't expect. Your ability to adapt and work quickly to fix anything that has the potential to go wrong will make an impression. Live and learn. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Look at your options and make choices that will help you utilize your ideas and expand your interests. Love is on the rise, and socializing and discussing your secrets with someone you care about will bring you closer together. ✪✪✪✪✪

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 4/07

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**Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/31

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SETH MACFARLANE **Solution: 8 letters**

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# Kentucky 74-73 over Wisconsin, to play for title

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)**—No, this was not an instant replay, though it certainly is turning into a highlight loop that Aaron Harrison and his Kentucky teammates could get used to watching.

Harrison took a pass from his twin brother, Andrew, spotted up from NBA range and watched the ball rattle in for the lead with 5.7 seconds left Saturday night to lift the Wildcats to a 74-73 victory over Wisconsin in the Final Four.

It was a near carbon copy of his game-winner last weekend in the regional final against Michigan. It was every bit as big as the 3 he made the game before that to help Kentucky take the lead for good in the Sweet 16 against Louisville.

"You can't be scared to miss, and you want to be that guy that wants to take the big shots," Aaron Harrison said.

"He has that clutch gene," Wisconsin's Sam Dekker said.

Traevon Jackson had a last-second shot to try to beat the Wildcats (29-10), but the desperation jumper rimmed out, and once again Harrison found himself at the bottom of a dog pile at center court. Sophomore Alex Poythress' leg bent backward in the scrum. He was icing his left knee afterward but said he'd be OK for Monday's final.

Eighth-seeded Kentucky will play seventh-seeded UConn - the highest seed total to play for the title since they started putting numbers by the names back in 1979. The Wildcats, who missed March Madness last year, haven't lost a tournament game since the 2011 semifinal against UConn.

"I know how good they are, but I don't know how they play," Kentucky coach John Calipari said of his next opponent.

Second-seeded Wisconsin (30-8) set a Final Four record by going 95 percent from the free-throw line—19 for 20. But that one miss cost the Badgers dearly. Jackson got Andrew Harrison to jump into him while attempting a 3-pointer with 16.4 seconds left. His first free throw rimmed out, and—after he made the next two—Wisconsin had a 73-71 lead and Kentucky had the ball.

Any doubt where it was going?

"Coach said wanted me to take the shot, my teammates have confidence in me, and I just fed off that," Harrison said.

Against Louisville in the regional semifinal, Harrison was open in the corner when Julius Randle found him. He hit the go-ahead 3 with 39.1 seconds left on the way to a 74-69 win.

Two nights later, there were 2.3 seconds on the clock and Harrison was a few steps right of where he was Saturday when he took the pass from his brother. Michigan's Caris LeVert hit Harrison's hand as he shot from about 24 feet but the ball went in anyway. After that one, the freshman calmly backpedaled before his teammates reached him to congratulate.

AP

Kentucky celebrates after guard Aaron Harrison made a three-point basket in the final seconds against Wisconsin to win the game 74-73 during their NCAA Final Four tournament college basketball semifinal game Saturday, April 5, 2014, in Arlington, Texas.

This time, it was Josh Gasser in his face at around 25 feet—a big step back from where the NBA line would be. The ball clanged in and Harrison turned around and raised his hands over his head before running to the other end of the court.

A few minutes later, he was hugging his mom in the stands.

"He was pretty deep out there," Gasser said. "He hadn't really looked to pull up for a shot the entire game. I saw him start to rise up, and I tried to contest the best I could. I thought I did a good job, but he made another good shot."

It was Harrison's only attempt from 3 all night; the Wildcats went only 2 for 5 as a team.

James Young went to the rim hard in the first half and led Kentucky with 17 points. Randle finished with 16, but only five boards to snap his string of three straight double-doubles.

But Kentucky did damage in other ways on the inside, finding the answer for Wisconsin's do-everything 7-footer, Frank Kaminsky, who was held to eight points and five rebounds.

Ben Brust and Dekker had 15 each for the Badgers, who came up a game short of their first appearance in the final since 1941.

Instead, it's Kentucky going for its ninth national title and second in three years, with an almost completely rebuilt roster from 2012. It's the way Calipari does it, like it or not, and it hasn't all been easy sailing. The team that was ranked first in the preseason poll fell out of it completely for the start of March Madness.

Only then, did the Wildcats start playing to their potential.

"They know I believe in them. Aaron knows," Calipari said. "If you've watched us, we have a bunch of stars on this team."

Harrison is the biggest of them in this tournament. If he chooses to leave after Monday, he'll have first-round potential, though it won't be his final numbers in this game—eight points, three rebounds—that will impress the scouts as much as his final shot.

"He was smiling, like he knew he was going to make it," Andrew Harrison said. "He's a big-time player. I've never seen anything like it."

## UConn 63, Florida 53

In Arlington, Texas, Connecticut's 2011 national championship has been characterized as a one-man effort by Kemba Walker. Good as he was, he still needed help from teammates Jeremy Lamb, Alex Oriakhi and Shabazz Napier.

Now that it's Napier's turn, the same gotta-have-help method has applied—this time with DeAndre Daniels and Ryan Boatright taking turns at the wheel.

Daniels carried UConn out of an early funk, Boatright bulled around Florida's guard at both ends and the Huskies are headed back to the national championship game after a 63-53 victory over the Gators in the Final Four Saturday night.

Daniels had 20 points on 9-of-14 shooting and 10 rebounds, and Boatright finished with 13 points to help finish off Florida's 30-game winning streak and send the seventh-seeded Huskies into Monday's title game against Kentucky.

"We've been saying all year that we've got a complete team," Boatright said. "It's not a one-man team. It's not a two-man team. We've got a complete team."

Napier has been UConn's unquestioned leader and had a solid night after a slow start, finishing with 12 points, six assists and four steals.

But stars often need an occasional lift from their sidekicks, and Daniels and Boatright both did that against Florida (36-3).

Daniels, the talented-but-sometimes-inconsistent forward, helped the Huskies (31-8) dig out of an early hole by scoring inside and out. He also hit a couple of big shots down the stretch to prevent the Gators from mounting a comeback.

Boatright was like a bulldog all night, consistently getting inside Florida's defense and combining with Napier to hold ailing Gators star Scottie Wilbekin (cramps) to four points and one assist.

"I don't know if you all keep thinking it's a one-man team, but it's not," UConn coach Kevin Ollie said. "Shabazz is the first one to tell you and I keep telling everybody it's not just him."

During the 2011 run, Walker was the unquestioned lead Husky.

But Lamb had some big scoring games during the title run, Oriakhi manhandled opposing big men in the paint and Napier, the confident-but-still-learning freshman, chipped in to earn a championship ring.

This has been Napier's team from the start and he's come through as a star player should, including a game-winning jumper to beat Florida back on Dec. 2—the Gators' last loss.

In the rematch, Napier had a hard time with Florida's aggressive switching on defense, unable to find seams into the lane. UConn fell into holes of 7-0 and 16-4, and Napier didn't score until hitting a 3-pointer with 3:54 left in the first half.

Daniels led the charge back.

The junior has shown off flashes of his athleticism some games, disappearing in others.

It's been nothing but the good Daniels in the NCAA tournament, though, including a 27-point, 10-rebound game against Iowa State in Sweet 16.

Spurred by a conversation with former UConn coach Jim Calhoun before the national semifinal game, Daniels was at his active best, sailing in for a dunk during an 11-0 run and dropping in a pair of 3-pointers in the first half.

Daniels continued to be a matchup problem for Florida in the second half, keeping the Gators at bay, including a long jumper that put the Huskies up 57-47 with 2 1/2 minutes left.

"I talked to Coach Calhoun and he was like, `Man, nobody is talking about you,'" Daniels said. "All I said was not to worry about it because everybody was going to be talking about me after today."

Boatright, too.

The junior has been interchangeable with Napier in the backcourt, playing shooting guard when Napier runs the point, leading the team when Napier shifts to the two spot or heads to the bench. He also turned into UConn's point-guard stopper, hounding the opposing team's floor leader into mistakes.

Boatright had a quiet first half before starting to find seams in Florida's defense. He got to the rim a few times without much hassle against the long Gators and was able to find open shooters when they did cut off his drives.

Behind Boatright and Daniels, UConn scored all but two of its baskets inside the lane.

Boatright also helped lead the charge against Wilbekin, adding to his cramping woes by combining with Napier to hound his every step.

"It all starts with Boatright," Florida coach Billy Donovan said of UConn's defense. "He does a great job of pressuring the ball."

When it was over, the Huskies again were underdogs headed to the national championship—thanks to a pair of sidekicks helping the star get there.

# Bobcats clinch playoffs in 96-94 OT win over Cavs

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Al Jefferson scored 24 points, including seven in overtime, and the Charlotte Bobcats clinched a playoff spot with a 96-94 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday night.

Charlotte is in the postseason for the second time in its 10-year history and the first time since 2010. The Bobcats (39-38) are over .500 for the second time this season and hold seventh place in the Eastern Conference.

Kyrie Irving scored a career-high 44 points for Cleveland. The Cavaliers (31-47) trail eighth-place Atlanta by 3½ games for the final playoff spot in the East.

Irving was 16 of 31 from the field, including five 3-pointers. He added eight assists and seven rebounds.

Gerald Henderson's basket gave Charlotte a 90-89 lead with 1:08 remaining and the Bobcats made four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

### Nets 105, 76ers 101

In Philadelphia, Kevin Garnett scored 10 points in his first game in more than five weeks to help Brooklyn beat Philadelphia.

The 37-year-old Garnett missed 19 straight games since Feb. 27 because of back spasms. The Nets went 14-5 over that span.

Garnett was back in the starting lineup and was sharp from the start. He scored on an alley-oop in the first quarter, made his first four shots, and had a nasty block on Michael Carter-Williams' layup attempt that knocked the rookie guard to the ground.

Garnett also passed Alex English to move into 14th on the NBA's career scoring list.

The veteran center did not play in the fourth quarter.

Deron Williams had 19 points and Mason Plumlee 16 for the Nets.

Thaddeus Young led the Sixers with 20 points.

### Raptors 102, Bucks 98

In Milwaukee, DeMar DeRozan scored 15 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and Toronto beat Milwaukee to keep pace in the hunt for playoff position.

Toronto and the Chicago Bulls, who beat Washington on Saturday night, are 45-32 and tied for the third seed in the Eastern Conference with five games to play.

Milwaukee fell to an NBA-worst 14-63, guaranteeing the team's worst record in its 45-year history.

Greivis Vasquez tied a season-high with 26 points for Toronto, which has won three consecutive games and six of seven. Vasquez, who averages 9.1 points, made up the scoring lost when starting point guard Kyle Lowry missed the game with a bruised left kneecap.

DeRozan made six free throws in the final 24 seconds to seal the victory.

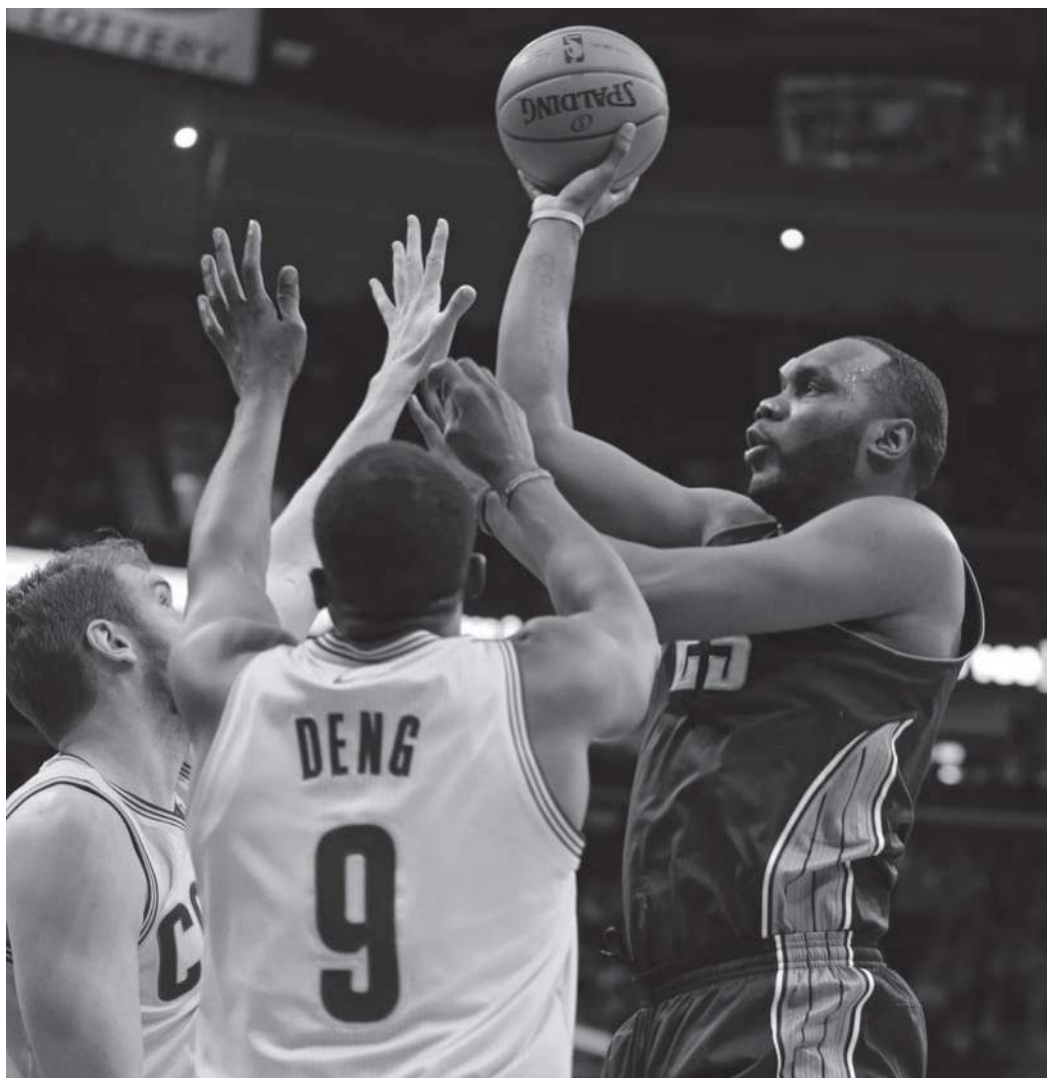
Khris Middleton scored 20 points for Milwaukee, which has lost 13 of 14 games.

### Bulls 96, Wizards 78

In Washington, D.J. Augustin scored 25 points, Joakim Noah had 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Chicago turned a possible first-round playoff preview into a laugher, never trailing in a win over Washington.

Augustin made 6 of 11 3-pointers—but only 2 of 8 2-pointers—and Carlos Boozer added 16 points for the Bulls, who have won five straight and are battling the Toronto Raptors for the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference. Augustin has averaged 19.8 points during the winning streak.

John Wall scored 20 points, and Marcin Gortat had 19 for the Wizards, who sit in sixth place in the East. If they hold that spot, they would face the third-seeded team.



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Charlotte Bobcats' Al Jefferson, right, shoots over Cleveland Cavaliers' Luol Deng (9), from Sudan, and Spencer Hawes in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Saturday, April 5, 2014, in Cleveland.

### Magic 100, Timberwolves 92

In Orlando, Florida, Arron Afflalo scored 18 points and Tobias Harris and Maurice Harkless added 17 apiece to lead Orlando over short-handed Minnesota.

Rookie Victor Oladipo contributed 16 points and six assists to help Orlando snap a three-game losing streak. Kyle O'Quinn had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Ricky Rubio led Minnesota with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Corey Brewer had 15 for Timberwolves, who were missing many key players.

Minnesota played without its three leading scorers, Kevin Love, Kevin Martin and Nikola Pekovic, all out with injuries. Chase Budinger, starting in place of Martin, left in the first minute with an ankle injury and didn't return.

### Pistons 115, Celtics 111

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Rodney Stuckey came off the bench to score 26 points and help Detroit rally past Boston.

The Pistons trailed by as many as 19 points in third quarter and were down 95-85 at the start of the fourth before going on a 15-4 run that gave them their first lead since early in the game. The teams traded the lead several times before Stuckey made a pair of free throws with 57 seconds left to break a 111-all tie.

Jerryd Bayless tried for a go-ahead shot in the final seconds but his 3-point try rimmed out.

Greg Monroe scored 21 points, Brandon Jennings had 20 and Andre Drummond added 19 and 20 rebounds to help Detroit end a two-game skid.

Bayless scored 25 points and Jeff Green had 22 as the Celtics lost their eighth straight.

# Gardenhire gets 1,000th win as Twins beat Indians

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Kyle Gibson limited Cleveland to one run in his season debut after Brian Dozier led off the game with a home run, leading Minnesota to a 7-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Saturday and giving Twins manager Ron Gardenhire his 1,000th career victory.

Gibson (1-0) allowed three hits in five-plus innings as the Twins snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Indians.

Gardenhire, who has managed Minnesota since 2002, joined Tom Kelly as the only managers in Twins history to reach 1,000 wins.

### Tigers 7, Orioles 6

In Detroit, Torii Hunter homered and drove in five runs, and the Detroit Tigers withstood a five-run ninth inning by Baltimore.

Rick Porcello (1-0) allowed a run and three hits in 6 2-3 innings in his first start of the season, and the Tigers (4-0) remained baseball's only undefeated team. But the Orioles nearly pulled off a remarkable rally after trailing 7-1 entering the ninth.

### Mariners 3, Athletics 1

In Oakland, California, Felix Hernandez took a shutout into the ninth inning and Dustin Ackley and Abraham Almonte hit home runs.

Hernandez (2-0) retired the first 11 batters on the way to his 16th career win over the Athletics, his most against any team. Hernandez walked one and struck out eight while allowing a run on six hits over 8 1/3 innings.

### Rays 5, Rangers 4

In St. Petersburg, Florida, James Loney hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the eighth inning.

Loney lined an opposite-field drive off Neal Cotts (0-1) that went over left fielder Shin-Soo Choo and put the Rays up 5-4. Brandon Gomes (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth before Grant Balfour got the final three outs for his first save.

### Blue Jays 4, Yankees 0

In Toronto, R.A. Dickey and three relievers combined for a shutout, and Jose Bautista and Melky Cabrera homered.

Dickey (1-0) allowed six runs and five hits in his season-opening start at Tampa Bay last Monday but was much sharper against New York. The 2012 NL Cy Young winner gave up five hits in 6 2-3 innings, walked one and struck out six.

### Angels 5, Astros 1

In Houston, Josh Hamilton hit a two-run home run and Tyler Skaggs pitched eight innings of four-hit ball.

Skaggs (1-0) allowed an unearned run and struck out five. Skaggs was making his Angels debut after being acquired in the offseason from Arizona in a trade that sent outfielder Mark Trumbo to the Diamondbacks.

### Royals 4, White Sox 3

In Kansas City, Kansas, Salvador Perez hit a go-ahead RBI double with two outs in the eighth inning.

Alex Gordon doubled off left-hander Scott Downs (0-1) before Perez hit Maikel Cleto's second pitch down the left-field line.

### Mets 5, Reds 3

In New York, pinch-hitter Ike Davis hit a game-ending grand slam and the New York Mets were aided by a favorable ninth-inning replay review in rallying to beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Brandon Phillips had given the Reds a 3-2 lead with a two-run homer off Dillon Gee in the eighth, two innings after Curtis Granderson connected for a two-run drive off Johnny Cueto, his first homer with the Mets.

### Braves 6, Nationals 2

In Washington, Julio Teheran allowed two runs in seven solid innings and had two hits, and Atlanta knocked out Stephen Strasburg in the fifth inning.

Dan Uggla had a two-run single for the Braves and Freddie Freeman reached base five times with two hits and three walks.

### Phillies 2, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Chase Utley went 3-for-3 and homered for the second day in a row, and Cliff Lee pitched seven scoreless innings to lead Philadelphia.

Dominic Brown drove in Utley for the Phillies' other run with a single in the fourth inning.

### Giants 7, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Madison Bumgarner struck out 10 while working into the seventh inning and San Francisco hit three home runs.

Yasiel Puig started in right field and batted leadoff for the Dodgers a day after he was benched for arriving late for stretching and batting practice.

### Marlins 5, Padres 2

In Miami, Jose Fernandez struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings while lowering his ERA to 0.71, and Miami won again.

The Marlins improved to 5-1, their best start since 2009. Last year their fifth victory came in their 21st game, and they finished with 100 losses.

### Cardinals 4, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Yadier Molina hit his second homer of the season and Jhonny Peralta added a late two-run shot for St. Louis.

Molina finished 2 for 4 and his solo homer in the sixth gave the Cardinals plenty of cushion as they bounced back from a 12-2 loss on Friday night by jumping on Pittsburgh ace Francisco Liriano (0-1) early.

### Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 4

In Denver, Nolan Arenado homered twice, rookie right-hander Tommy Kahnle picked up his first major league victory and Colorado overcame a four-run deficit.

Charlie Blackmon went 3-for-4, tying the Rockies' franchise record with nine hits in consecutive games, a mark set by Juan Pierre in September 2002. After going 6-for-6 Friday, Blackmon singled his first time up, and then grounded out to first base before adding two more singles.

### Brewers 7, Red Sox 6, 11 innings

In Boston, Khris Davis doubled in the 11th inning for his fourth hit of the game, and scored on Logan Schafer's double.

Tyler Thornburg (1-0) earned the win with a perfect 10th inning. Burke Badenhop (0-1) came in to start the 11th and gave up Davis' one-out double, then Schafer one-hopped the Green Monster between the left and center fielders.

# Kuchar takes 4-shot lead at Houston Open

**HUMBLE, Texas (AP)**—Matt Kuchar didn't have the result he had hoped for while playing in the final pairing at last week's Texas Open.

The six-time PGA Tour winner, who closed with a final-round 75 on his way to a fourth-place finish last week, will have the opportunity to show what he learned from that disappointing finish at this week's Houston Open.

Playing in the final pairing, Kuchar vaulted past a struggling Sergio Garcia with a 4-under par 68 on Saturday - overcoming windy conditions at the Golf Club of Houston to match the low round of the day and take a four-shot lead after three rounds.

Kuchar stands at 15 under overall heading into Sunday's final round, four shots ahead of second-round leader Garcia and Cameron Tringale. The three will be paired together on Sunday.

"It's a nice position to have played well last week, to have been in the last group with a chance to win and again to come back this week, completely different course, and have another shot to win," Kuchar said.

Kuchar's last win came at the Memorial last year, and he has eight top 10 finishes this season in 10 events.

He'll have the opportunity add to that resume on Sunday, weather permitting, as well as fuel his surging confidence leading into next week's Masters, where he finished in a tie for eighth last year.

AP

Sergio Garcia hits off the tee on the 10th hole during the third round of the Houston Open golf tournament, Saturday, April 5, 2014, in Humble, Texas.

The prospect of a winner's share of nearly $1.2-million, however, has Kuchar locked in on this weekend first—even with the prospect of competing for his first major championship looming next week.

"I've been playing some steady golf for a couple of years now and feel like my chances of playing well tomorrow are pretty good," Kuchar said. "Having a four-shot lead is a great position to be in."

The golfers went off both tees in threesomes early Saturday morning in anticipation of severe weather in the evening, a format they'll use again Sunday with hopes of avoiding a Monday finish leading into next week's visit to Augusta National.

Garcia, who surged ahead with a 7-under 65 on Friday, began the day with a one-shot lead over Kuchar. That disappeared quickly after the Spaniard bogeyed the first to fall back to 11 under and into a tie with his playing partner, Kuchar.

That was just the beginning of the struggles for Garcia, who later put his tee shot into the water on No. 10. He finished with a 1-over 73 after matching the course's low mark of 12 under after two rounds.

"Obviously, I didn't play as well as yesterday with the difficulty," Garcia said. "... It wasn't that easy."

Kuchar, meanwhile, birdied the first to move into the lead—a spot he didn't relinquish. He added back-to-back birdies on No. 4 and 5 to move to 14 under, and he added three birdies in a row on the back nine.

He reached 16 under with a birdie on the par-3 14th before three-putting the 18th and settling for 15 under.

"It's unbelievable," said Ben Curtis, who is tied for 5th at 8 under with Rickie Fowler. "(Kuchar's) on a great roll the last few years. Obviously, he's playing very confidently, and that makes a huge difference."

## WASLE

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came back from a nine-minute deficit against Slack only to cramp up and halt running a few meters away from the finish line. She fought back tears, as she eventually crossed the finish line in 2012. Last year, she made it to the finish line with a smile, but it was an incomplete one, as she had another runner-up finish (to Slack) after falling behind in the swim and run legs.

This year, Wasle was still behind her rivals in the first two legs, but she made sure the margins were close enough to allow her to go for the kill in her favorite phase of the race—the trail run.

The 24-year-old triathlete was fourth out of the water (women's pro) with her 26:23. Slack was first with her 24:18, followed by Carey (24:43), and Bucher (25:35). Slack kept the lead as she entered the Navy Hill trail before Bucher took over the driver's seat on the way out of the Banana Rama and up to Mt. Tapochao. Along the bike course, Wasle repeatedly asked volunteers how many minutes she was behind Bucher and Slack.

"I am so conscious about the margin in the run leg that's why I kept on asking the people on the street. The margin gave me an idea on how I should pace myself in the run leg," Wasle said.

Bucher completed the bike leg, with a women's best split time of 1:40:10 for a less than two-minute head over Slack, who clocked in at 1:44:13. The dethroned champion and Wasle, who submitted 1:42:10 in the bike leg, ran together along the finish line loop as they headed to the run course in Navy Hill and Chinatown.

The lead changed for the third time in the run leg and at this juncture it was Wasle on top.

"I took the lead at the 4K mark when I reached the ravine. I have so much energy left on me that I kept running faster," said Wasle.

The diminutive triathlete had a split time of 57:58 in the run leg and was the lone female competitor to complete the last part of the race under one hour. Bucher posted 1:01:04, while Slack logged 1:03:50. Guam's Mieko Carey registered 1:05:56 for the fourth place finish (3:16:32), while Japan's Yasuko Miyazaki (4:08:52) and Saipan's Kimiko McKagan (4:24:34) completed the women's pro field.

### 3-peat feat

Meanwhile, in the men's pro division, Allen also went for the big blow in the run leg to top XTERRA Saipan for the third straight time.

Allen completed the 12K trail run in 50:35, the fastest in the entire field, to make it to the finish line at the 2:34:29, more than three minutes ahead of his closest rival Dan Hugo (2:39:01).

"I am in cloud nine after winning my first ever 3-peat (same event). It couldn't get any better than this, knowing that today I raced against a tough field with Dan really staying close to me," said Allen.

The Australian and the South African's neck-and-neck battle started in the 1.5-kilometer swim race in the waters off Micro Beach. The water was shallow and the current was strong, forcing majority of the swimmers to struggle in the two-lap course. A lot of the swimmers did dolphin dives, instead of the usual freestyle swim and while some took a lot of time to complete the swim leg with the unusual stroke, Allen was cruising.

"I am used to doing dolphin dives because I was a surfer before I switched to triathlon. The conditions worked for me," said Allen, who finished the swim race with a field-best 20:18.

Hugo was in close second, getting out of the water at the 20:33 or just when Allen started running to the transition area to pick up his bike for the 30K trail bike to the northern part of the island.

Again, Allen and Hugo kept each other company in the bike course, which the former and majority of the riders enjoyed because of its drier condition compared to last year's when participants had a shower as they went through the trails and jungles.

Allen made it to the bike-run transition area with a bike split time of 1:23:36, just 11 seconds ahead of Hugo's 1:23:47. The two favored pros entered the finish line loop to start the run leg together before Allen pulled away near the halfway mark of the run course.

"When I reached the top of the ravines and caves alone, I started to feel comfortable. However, I still pushed myself knowing my competitors are capable of making a comeback. I was just on a zone in the run leg that I managed to get a good lead against Dan," said Allen.

"It's always special to win XTERRA Saipan, as I and Jacqui consider the island our second home because of the people's hospitality. We love our hosts Kimiko and Steve McKagan, their dog Hanako, and all the organizers and volunteers who helped put out this wonderful event," said Allen, who foiled Hugo's bid for a 3-peat of his own after the latter won XTERRA Philippines and Guam.

Joining Allen and Hugo in the Top 7 of the men's pro field were South Africa's Bradley Weiss (2:44:11), New Zealand's Oliver Shaw (2:44:11), Switzerland and France's Olivier Marceau (2:45:54), South Africa's Nicolas Sterk (2:52:56), and Japan's Takahiro Ogasawara (2:54:48).

Others who joined the pro division were Austria's Markus Benesch (3:00:53), Russia's Aleksandr Dorovskikh (3:01:14); New Zealand's Mark Leishman (3:02:51), Guam's Charlie Epperson (3:07:16), Slovakia's Michal Buceck (3:25:43), and Saipan's Butch Sublemente (3:39:53).

## PELICANS

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court, but Lester Vertudez was trapped by Galarse at the right baseline near the scorer's table and was caught stepping on the line. The Pelicans regained possession with 11 seconds left and Sacramento quickly committed a duty foul on Galarse, who also went 0-for-2 from the stripe.

Gwap Gang collared another rebound after Galarse's second miss and Deleon Guerrero drove strong to the basket from the right key, but the ball rimmed out. He got the rebound and attempted a putback, but was blocked by Bahillo as time expired, handing the Pelicans the close win and the championship.

Brennan top-scored in the finale with his 22 points. His split free throw tied the match in the fourth quarter, 62-all, and both teams had a chance to win the finals in regulation, but failed to cash in on their final attempts.

Bahillo pulled up for a running jumper in the last 10 seconds of the fourth canto, but his shot was too strong and the ball rolled out of the baseline. Gwap Gang sued for time with 3.9 second left and when the game resumed, Vertudez made the inbound pass to Sacramento, who missed a long jumper from the left corner. Sacramento earlier committed a palming violation in the last 28.6 seconds of regulation, returning possession to the Pelicans and paving the way for Bahillo's shot.

Despite failing to win the finals in regulation, the Pelicans did a great comeback job, as they recovered from a 54-60 deficit in the last three minutes of the fourth period. They turned Gwap Gangs' turnovers to points to send the title match into extra five minutes. In overtime, Galarse scored 4 straight markers to give the Pelicans' distance, but Gwap Gang countered with two straight field goals off Erick Dela Rosa's undergoal stab and Vertudez's short jumper for the last deadlock. Brennan ended the last tie when he was momentarily left open from the top key for the crucial triple and his team hung in there against the erratic Gwap Gang, who played the last 1:30 of the fourth quarter and entire overtime without the fouled out Kelvin Fitial.

**Pelicans 69** – Brennan 22, Galarse 20, Namelo 8, Camacho 7, Babauta 4, Ambalan 2, Bahillo 2, Yamada 1.

**Gwap Gang 68** – Vertudez 20, Diaz 11, Dela Rosa 9, Darag 7, Ito 6, Fitial 5, Sacramento 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-16, 36-34, 52-47, 62-62.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Toronto | 45 | 32 | .584 | – |
| x-Brooklyn | 42 | 34 | .553 | 2 1/2 |
| New York | 33 | 44 | .429 | 12 |
| Boston | 23 | 54 | .299 | 22 |
| Philadelphia | 17 | 60 | .221 | 28 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Miami | 52 | 23 | .693 | – |
| x-Washington | 40 | 37 | .519 | 13 |
| x-Charlotte | 39 | 38 | .506 | 14 |
| Atlanta | 33 | 42 | .440 | 19 |
| Orlando | 22 | 55 | .286 | 31 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Indiana | 53 | 24 | .688 | – |
| x-Chicago | 45 | 32 | .584 | 8 |
| Cleveland | 31 | 47 | .397 | 22 1/2 |
| Detroit | 28 | 49 | .364 | 25 |
| Milwaukee | 14 | 63 | .182 | 39 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-San Antonio | 59 | 17 | .776 | – |
| x-Houston | 50 | 25 | .667 | 8 1/2 |
| Dallas | 46 | 31 | .597 | 13 1/2 |
| Memphis | 45 | 31 | .592 | 14 |
| New Orleans | 32 | 44 | .421 | 27 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Oklahoma City | 55 | 20 | .733 | – |
| Portland | 49 | 28 | .636 | 7 |
| Minnesota | 38 | 38 | .500 | 17 1/2 |
| Denver | 33 | 43 | .434 | 22 1/2 |
| Utah | 24 | 52 | .316 | 31 1/2 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-L.A. Clippers | 54 | 23 | .701 | – |
| Golden State | 47 | 29 | .618 | 6 1/2 |
| Phoenix | 45 | 31 | .592 | 8 1/2 |
| Sacramento | 27 | 49 | .355 | 26 1/2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 25 | 51 | .329 | 28 1/2 |

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 2 | .667 | – |
| Toronto | 3 | 3 | .500 | 1 |
| Boston | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1 1/2 |
| New York | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 1 | 4 | .200 | 2 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | – |
| Cleveland | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Chicago | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 1/2 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 4 | 1 | .800 | – |
| Houston | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 |
| Oakland | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 |
| Texas | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 5 | 1 | .833 | – |
| Atlanta | 4 | 1 | .800 | 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 1/2 |
| Washington | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 1/2 |
| New York | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 3 | 2 | .600 | – |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 2 | .600 | – |
| St. Louis | 3 | 2 | .600 | – |
| Chicago | 1 | 4 | .200 | 2 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 4 | .200 | 2 |

**West Division**

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| San Francisco | 5 | 1 | .833 | – |
| Los Angeles | 4 | 3 | .571 | 1 1/2 |
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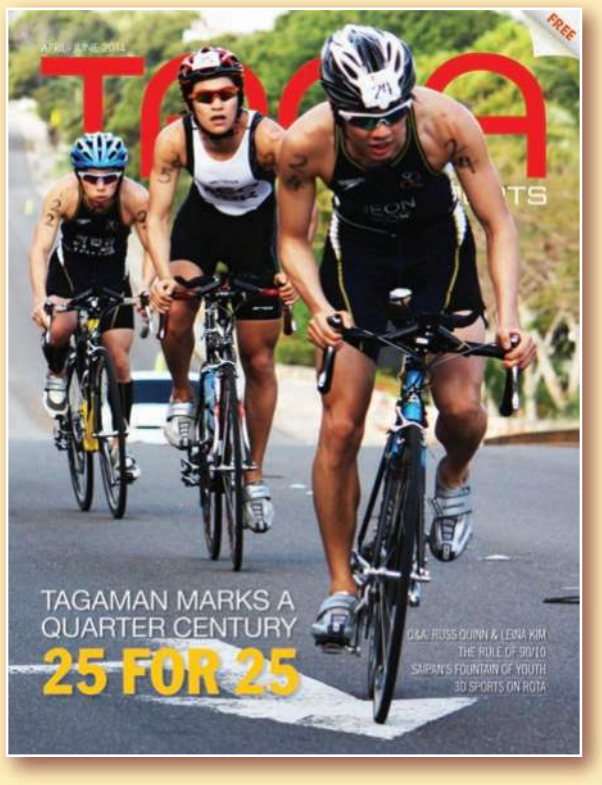
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# The Week in Sports

# Pro triathletes take spotlight

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Jets and Laolao Bay players exchange hi-fives before starting their make-up game in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Last week's arrival of pro triathletes who competed in the 2014 XTERRA Saipan Championship took away the spotlight from local teams.

Seventeen pro triathletes came to Saipan early last week to compete in last Saturday's Crown Jewel of XTERRA Tour. The list is lead by eventual XTERRA Saipan winners Ben Allen of Australia and Carina Wasle of Austria. Completing the roster were South Africa's Dan Hugo, Bradley Weiss, and Nicolas Sterk, New Zealand's Oliver Shaw and Marl Leishman, Switzerland's Olivier Marceau, Austria's Markus Benesch, Guam's Mieko Carey and Charlie Epperson, Russia's Aleksandr Dorovskikh, United Kingdom's Jacqui Slack, Switzerland's Renata Bucher, and Japan's Takahiro Ogasawara and Yasuko Miyazaki.

With a bunch of triathletes competing on Saipan, other events on the island took a back seat to XTERRA.

The Saipan Little League Baseball played its last regular season games in the Junior and Senior League, while the Major division and the Big League had matches past the halfway mark of the eliminations.

In football, the NMIFA youth league is near completion of the matches in the girls and boys U15 and boys U18 age groups.

Still in football, Matansa and Kanoa FC won in Week 2 of the women's league, while MP United and Shirley's FC settled for a draw.

In basketball, the finals cast in MDX caging was completed after Gwap Gang and the Pelicans survived San Antonio and IT&E in the semifinals, respectively.

In baseball, the defending champions GSM Brewers and Yankees are in a neck-and-neck battle for the lead in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League.

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San Antonio's Ezra Caro keeps the ball away from Gwap Gang's Kelvin Fitial during the third quarter of their semis game in the MDX caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Participants in the 2014 XTERRA Saipan Championship head to the swim course in the waters off Micro Beach last Saturday.

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# Wasle, Allen top XTERRA Saipan

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Carina Wasle's quest for victory in XTERRA Saipan finally ended last Saturday.

She ruled the 2014 XTERRA Saipan Championship after a string of misfortunes in her first three appearances in the Crown Jewel of the XTERRA Tour. Wasle completed the 1.5-kilomer swim, 30K bike, and 12k run race in 3:03:31, stunning seven-time XTERRA Saipan champion Renata Bucher (3:07:41) and last year's winner Jacqui Slack (3:12:21).

"It was a rough XTERRA Saipan journey for me since I started coming here in 2011 and I am glad that after all the things I went through I finally won," said Wasle.

During her debut in XTERRA Saipan in 2011, the Austrian pro settled for a bridesmaid finish to U.S. pro Shonny Vanlandingham after crashing twice in the bike trail. In 2012, Wasle had a nastier fall, as she crashed into a fellow biker in Navy Hill. After the collision, the diminutive pro's head slammed on the ground and had her right leg hit the crank of the other rider's bike. Wasle also sustained a deep cut (to her arms) about three inches long, but managed to continue racing and even

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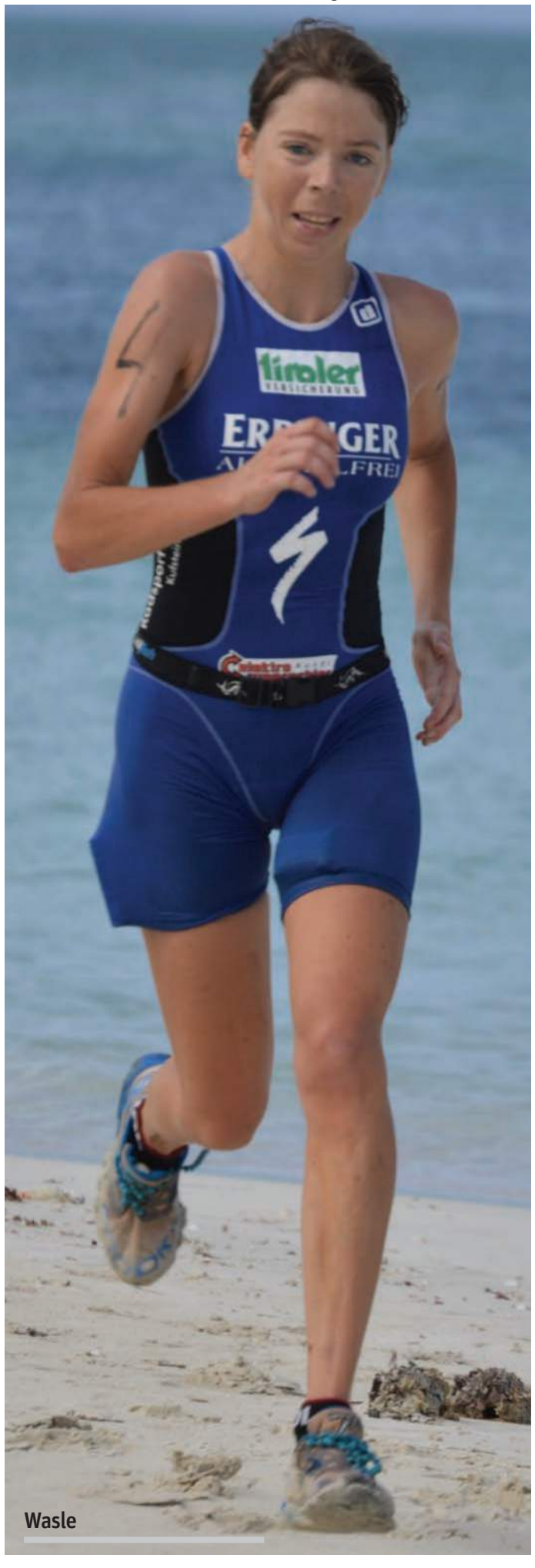
Allen



Wasle

# Pelicans nip Gwap Gang in MDX finale

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The Pelicans outlasted Gwap Gang in overtime, 69-68, to bag the championship in the 2014 MDX Amateur Radio Club Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

A crucial triple from Don Brennan and two defensive stops from Leo Galarse and Jason Bahillo helped the Pelicans escape Gwap Gang in the extra five minutes of the winner-take-all finale.

Brennan's triple from the top of the key broke the last deadlock, 69-66, with 50.8 seconds left in overtime. Mike Ito then converted a drive from the left baseline to cut the lead to 1 and Gwap Gang had a chance to grab the lead after the Pelicans turned the ball over in the ensuing play, but Rodney Sacramento took a hurried triple and missed.

Hanging on to a 1-point lead with 37.8 seconds remaining in the game, the Pelicans' Edwin Camacho ran down the clock a bit before spotting the cutting Wens Namelo from the left wing. Namelo muffed the shot, but was fouled. However he missed both charities and Gwap Gang was left with enough time (17.9 second) to work out a play after Shane Deleon Guerrero took the defensive rebound.

Gwang Gang managed to bring the ball to their front-

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The Pelicans' Leo Galarse goes up for a reverse layup against Gwap Gang's Erick Dela Rosa during the overtime of their title game in the MDX caging last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.